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Government to give priority to jobs for school-leavers

Prime Minister said last night that the Government's measures to check rising unemployment, to be announced today, would be aimed at finding jobs for school-leavers; speeding up training programmes; keeping at work people whose jobs were at risk; and providing new jobs. The measures would not be a series of emergency relief schemes.

Four-point plan for announcement today

George Clark
Political Correspondent

The Government's announcement of new measures designed to halt the rising tide of unemployment will be made by Lord Shepherd, Lord Privy Seal, in the House of Lords this afternoon.

The fact that the news will break first to the Lords is a cause for triumph for the Opposition peers who have argued that during their special sitting this week they are entitled to the privilege accorded to MPs and Lords when both Houses are sitting: that important statements must be made in Parliament and not first to outsiders.

It is for that reason Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, and Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, did not begin their Treasury press conference, at which they will explain the proposals, until 3 pm.

Mr Wilson, speaking in Manchester yesterday, gave a clear indication to the scope of the Government's measures.

He said they would be aimed at finding jobs for school leavers; to "speeding up training in the skills we are going to need in the months and years ahead"; and to keep people at work men and women whose jobs are in danger, and by creating new jobs.

The Prime Minister said: "The measures we shall announce tomorrow will not be mere palliatives of emergency employment or relief schemes."

He said that permanent and well-paid full employment would be achieved not only on containing inflation: "We have to get the necessary amount of new investment and see that it is rightly directed, and ensure that our working practices guarantee the highest possible return from that investment.

"Full employment, which is our determined intention, will come earlier and be more firmly based if the investment we need in industry is made now."

Mr Wilson said the announcements would cover measures to help the Government had taken "for helping to moderate and contain the rise in unemployment which we must expect to meet as the winter months".

He added: "These measures I think, be accepted as adequate and adequate to do the job we have set ourselves. That is to offset the increase in winter unemployment . . . above all, to offer new hope to school leavers who are looking for jobs.

"This is not a guarantee of continuing full employment. The world recession is too deep for that. And our policies directed to full employment in the future are utterly dependent on the nation's cooperation in making a success of our attack on inflation and unemployment."

Mr Wilson said that although the rise in unemployment was much lower than it was in most other industrial countries, it was nevertheless unacceptable and intolerable. "And I say this, above all, in the context of the more than 100,000 who have left school this summer".

In the wider world there were signs that the depression might be moving towards its end, and that world trade would pick up in the New Year.

"It is our duty in Britain", the Prime Minister said, "to ensure that our own domestic economy is ready to respond to hopes of increasing world trade and employment, but this means that we have to restrain and reduce beyond all doubt the cost and pay inflation which over these past months had rendered us so vulnerable."

There were encouraging signs and we should be better fitted to seize the opportunities because of the fact that "our cost structure is now under control". We would meet the challenge, leaner, more taut and ready to show our muscle. But there would be harsh months ahead.

There was no doubt last night that the Conservatives will not cavil at the measures if, as Mr Wilson's hints seem to indicate, the Government still keeps the attack on inflation as its overriding objective.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the shadow Chancellor said in London last night that the Government was under severe pressure to take reflationary action.

Sir Geoffrey said that did not mean that the Government had no option but to stonewall in the present situation. He suggested six things which could and should be done without running the risk of general reflation. They were:

1. Action should be taken to improve employment prospects for the tragically large number of school leavers still out of work. "It is particularly disturbing to read reports of apprenticeships which are not being taken up", Sir Geoffrey said. "Good career advice can be just as important as more money."

2. The remaining programme must be got into higher gear. That was the way to ensure that people could take advantage of the job opportunities available.

3. In any situation where it could be clearly shown that dumped imports were unfairly damaging British industry, the Government must be prepared to take decisive action.

4. The Government must ensure the adequacy of export incentives. There was disturbing news that the cost escalation insurance scheme, announced by Mr Shore in February, was failing to meet its important objectives. An urgent re-examination and improvement of the scheme was necessary.

5. The Government should remove the blight now cast over the housing and construction industries by its proposals to nationalize building land. The Community Land Bill should be withdrawn.

6. The Government must have the courage to spell out the truth of its own wages policy. Now that the Government had chosen to rely upon the £6 limit to pay claims, the Prime Minister must reemphasize that it was not an entitlement.

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Pound falls to lowest level against the dollar

By Melvyn Westlake
Economics Staff

World financial markets suffered a fresh upheaval yesterday as the recent powerful surge in the dollar gathered further momentum and the gold bullion price continued its substantial decline. Inevitably, the pound was more greatly affected than most other currencies by the dollar's newfound strength, and plunged to its lowest level against the American currency.

At one stage during the day, sterling stood at only $2.0350, but it partially recovered to close at $2.0450, more than 2½ cents down on the day. There is a growing fear that if the present surge in the dollar continues the Bank of England will be unable to prevent the pound falling below $2.

Yesterday, the Bank of England was believed to have spent between $30m and $50m from official reserves in an attempt to stem the tide. Central banks in Europe and Japan took similar action to prop up their currencies, selling an estimated total of $350m to $400m.

But this combined action was insufficient to prevent the dollar rising to its highest level for nearly 20 months. Sterling's decline was particularly aggravated by the apparent commitment of Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, to take action to combat rising unemployment. He is expected to announce his jobs proposals this week. Bankers at home and abroad are worried that this must mean some limited measure of reflation.

Mr Healey's willingness to adopt proposals to support employment is also being interpreted as a weakening in his resolve to reduce inflation and, consequently, a victory for the trade unions, which have been demanding action to stimulate the economy. It has been the initial favourable response to the Government's pay policy, limiting increases to £6 a week, and a general belief in the Chancellor's steadfastness, that has underpinned the pound in recent weeks.

Sterling not only lost ground against the dollar, but also against most major Continental currencies. As a result, its "floating devaluation" against them all, from the 1971-base date, weakened sharply to 28.2 from 27.5 per cent on Monday night.

This is the pound's worst overall level since early July when the last run on the pound forced the Government to adopt the £6 pay policy. Then its "floating devaluation" touched 29.2 per cent.

Although central bankers and officials in Western capitals have studiously refrained from commenting on the dollar's rise for fear of inflaming the exchange markets, it is clear that there is mounting anxiety about the present trend. It will, for example, sharply increase European oil import bills because the world oil price is denominated in dollars. Britain's oil costs have recently shown a sharp increase for this reason. These increased costs will be in addition to any rise in the crude price that may be decided by the oil exporting countries meeting in Vienna this week.

The sharp rise in the dollar has been partly caused by the steady increase in United States interest rates at a time when European rates have been declining. This has made the dollar one of the most attractive currencies for investments.

In addition, the apparent success of the United States government in tackling domestic inflation and the incipient signs of a slow recovery in the American economy have similarly led to a sharp switch by international investors into dollars and out of other assets.

Gold has particularly suffered. The bullion price yesterday fell a further $6 an ounce, to $129.75. It has fallen $30, or nearly 20 per cent, this month. Only at the turn of the year it was brushing $200.

President Ford refuses to hide from would-be assassins

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Sept 23

President Ford, in public refuses to change his habits because of the two certain and one suspected assassination attempts against him this month. In a statement broadcast from the White House at midnight last night, when he returned from California, he said: "We are going to stand tall and strong.

"I won't capitulate and the Vice-President won't," he said. "The American people expect, and I approve of it, a dialogue between them and their President or other public officials.

"If we cannot have that opportunity of talking with one another, something has gone wrong in our society. Under no circumstances will I, and I hope no others, capitulate to those who want to undercut what's good in America."

President Ford is due to return to California next month, to make speeches in Los Angeles and San Francisco. In the intervening month he will leave Washington on four other weekends, to visit half a dozen states.

Further details of yesterday's assassination attempt have now emerged. A retired marine, Mr Oliver Sipple, may have caused Miss Moore to miss by jumping on her at the moment she fired. He was standing next to her in the crowd opposite the St Francis hotel in San Francisco.

"She was there for an hour or two", he said. "Then the President came out and he waved and I started to clap. Then I noticed a chrome-plated gun and I screamed 'gun' as loud as I could and grabbed her arm. I don't know when it went off. Next thing I knew there were police and secret service men all over me. They roughed me up some but they apologized after."

Mr Sipple, who is 33, received an honourable discharge from the marines after serving in Vietnam and has a disability pension for mental illness caused by his service.

A policeman standing in front of the crowd believed that the shot was fired just before Mr Sipple jumped on Miss Moore and that his action prevented her getting a second shot. "I saw a woman wedge herself between two other persons and raise her right arm", he said.

"There was a chrome revolver in her right hand and as her hand came up I heard the noise. I saw the smoke come through the barrel and I was frozen for a moment. Then I came at her. As I came at her, a hand came from behind her and knocked the gun downwards.

"While the gun was down I grabbed the cylinder of the gun to disable it and twisted it away from her. I was frightened by it, I was amazed by it."

The bullet ricocheted off the pavement and hit a bystander, Mr John Ludwig, in the groin. It bruised him slightly but did not penetrate his clothing. He picked it up himself, and handed the bullet to a policeman.

Miss Moore was manhandled across the rope barrier in the street, handcuffed, and taken into the hotel where a first and confused interrogation took place. A policeman who was present said that Miss Moore said that she did not know why she did it. "She said that if she had had her .44 she would have hit him."

The policeman added that she was concerned about her nine-year-old son, and agreed to answer questions only when the police assured her that they would arrange to have him taken care of.

Miss Moore showed the police how she had aimed, the gun up and her right wrist steadied with her left hand. Mrs Ford commented later: "Thank God she's a bad shot." At a distance of 40ft or so, a .38 is not very accurate in amateur hands.

The San Francisco police said that Miss Moore had been questioned by police and by the secret service on Sunday. The police were called by a neighbour, who told them that she was carrying a gun. This was the .44 automatic, and the police confiscated it.

The secret service apparently had her on its list of potential threats to the President, and "checked her out". It is not yet known whether the police told them that she had been relieved of a weapon on the same day.

In her preliminary interrogation, Miss Moore told police that she obtained a new gun, a .38 pistol, by making a couple of phone calls. She is, among



Into custody: Miss Sarah Jean Moore is led away by police after the shooting incident.

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Government reimposes Ulster security clamp

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The credibility of the continuing ceasefire between the Provisional IRA and the British Army was strained still further yesterday as the Government reimposed a security clampdown in republican strongholds throughout Northern Ireland.

During the day, more than forty suspected sympathizers of the Provisional IRA were arrested for questioning in a type of raid not seen since the ceasefire was declared on February 10.

Embarrassed and infuriated by the twenty Provisional IRA bombs throughout the province on Monday, Mr Rees, Secretary of State, and his advisers have scrapped indefinitely the low profile adopted by the Army in recent months.

Orders were given for the reintroduction of the controversial process of screening which allows random arrests and questioning for a period of up to four hours under a section of the Emergency Powers Act. The system was adopted on a selective basis, but it was emphasized that suspects against whom charges might be preferred could be held for longer than the maximum period allowed. Screening has always been regarded as invaluable by military intelligence, and ironically its partial reintroduction over recent weeks was a major factor behind the renewed IRA attacks.

In name the ceasefire continued to hold, although there was widespread—disillusion about its worth throughout the community in Ulster as workers struggled to clear up bomb damage and debris in nine different towns.

The general view was summed up in a front-page leading article in the moderate *Belfast Telegraph*. "Does anyone really care whether the ceasefire is on or off?" it asked. "It may suit the IRA and the Government to pretend that some unwritten code exists, and that the province-wide blitz did not blow it skyhigh. But what value can be placed on it, if it allows for town and city centres to be devastated and policemen horribly mutilated?"

In addition to screening, the new security measures include extra Army foot patrols, extra checks on vehicles, and deployment of additional troops into known republican areas like the Bogside and the Lower Falls.

A statement issued from the Northern Ireland Office shortly before dawn yesterday said: "The stricter security measures will cause inconvenience to the public, but those who planned and carried out yesterday's violence bear the responsibility."

On the streets of Belfast the extra security was immediately obvious, even to the extent of army patrols drawing up beside women shoppers and ordering them to disclose the contents of their bags. It was strong in certain border areas, where extra checkpoints were set up and helicopters used for surveillance.

But, as expected, Mr Rees decided against reissuing interim custody orders against suspected terrorists. That measure of last resort will be introduced if the bombing continues on the scale of Monday, but otherwise the Government intends to persist in the face of "loyalist" anger to release republican detainees from the Maze prison at Long Kesh.

The difficulty of using the usual processes of law was

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'Tartan Army' says it bombed oil pipeline in Scotland

The BP oil pipeline running through central Scotland was attacked by bombers again early yesterday. The blast at a fenced-in valve control centre in a field beside the Perth to Dundee road near Kinfauns damaged fencing and a glass fibre shed housing valve equipment. Part of the building was blown on to the main road and debris scattered over a wide area.

It was the second explosion in 11 days on the pipeline which is to be inaugurated by the Queen on November 3.

Yesterday afternoon a man telephoned *The Scotsman* office in Glasgow and said the "Tartan Army" was responsible. He added that the organization had not been responsible for explosions recently on a railway line in west Scotland or in the Clyde tunnel.

The explosive device used yesterday was triggered by a time switch which could have allowed the culprits to escape before police roadblocks were set up on the A85.

Mr J. R. Little, chief constable of the Tayside region, said yesterday that the explosion had been caused by a fairly sophisticated home-made device. He said the target was the same kind of installation damaged at Crook of Devon on September 12 and most of the other details in the two cases were similar, although the damage at the Kinfauns explosion last night was greater.

Mr Little said the telephone call to *The Scotsman* yesterday morning had come from a man claiming to represent the "Tartan Army". The caller had said: "The people of Scotland have nothing to fear from the Tartan Army as we have no intention of endangering human life. Our sole aim is to further the cause of Scotland. We have no political ambition apart from reaching the people through the Scottish National Party."

Mr Little said that at 2.50 am yesterday whoever had set the bomb could have had no idea whether there were people in the area. The investigation of the explosions is being led by Detective Chief Inspector John Lamond, who said police forces throughout Scotland were cooperating. Appeals were made to anyone who was passing along the road early yesterday and may have seen anything to get in touch with police.

The explosion awakened a farmworker in a cottage near by. He saw a car driving away through the smoke in the direction of Dundee and called the police.

Mr Douglas Crawford, Scottish National Party member for Perth and East Perthshire, said the people carrying out the acts of violence were friends neither of Scotland nor the SNP: "No self-respecting Nationalist would ever indulge in this kind of campaign".

New shrub escapes thief's hand

By Roy Hay
Horticultural Correspondent

There was an unaccustomed touch of drama yesterday at the Royal Horticultural Society's autumn show in London.

The most remarkable advance we have seen for many years, a vivid scarlet variety of the yellow-flowered *Potentilla fruticosa*, named "Red Ace", had been awarded a first-class certificate. It was raised and shown by Dr and Mrs D. A. Barker, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, and a "plant patent" has been applied for.

It is not on show today because yesterday a visitor was caught taking a cutting and permission was given for the plant to be removed from the show. Guarding it for two more nights and days was considered too difficult.

The potential of the scarlet variety of one of our most popular shrubs as a breeding parent is enormous and since plant breeders' rights have been safeguarded the variety and its progeny could make a vast sum for its raiser.

There have been some spectacular examples of breeders who have produced a world beater. The Peace rose, bred by the firm of Meilland at Cap d'Antibes, France, before the war, and the Mikkelsen poinsettias raised in the United States are examples of ornamental plants that have made fortunes for their originators.

From one stolen cutting a clever cultivator could produce hundreds of potentilla plants in two or three seasons.

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Lufthansa decides that it will not buy Concorde

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Sept 23

Economic considerations will prevent the West German airline Lufthansa from buying the Anglo - French Concorde, a director of the airline said in Cologne today.

Herr Reinhardt Abraham said a supersonic service in which income matched costs was still about 15 years away. Meanwhile, the airline would do all it could to cut down the speed advantage of the coming Concorde services.

Herr Abraham thought conventional jets, by cutting down on intermediate stops, would be able to fly from Frankfurt to Sydney in 21 hours, compared with the 20 hours Concorde would need in view of more frequent refuelling stops and indirect routes to avoid noise nuisance on the ground.

Letter-bomb charges

A Londonderry man was charged last night with sending letter bombs to Mr Reginald Maudling, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, in 1974 and to the Stock Exchange in 1973.

Shane O'Doherty aged 20, of Castleview Park, Londonderry, was detained by Scotland Yard detectives outside Belfast Magistrates' Court yesterday after charges against him had been withdrawn. He had been in custody since May 10 on charges of conspiring to send a letter bomb between January 1, 1973, and May, 1973, to a London solicitor and of possessing 1½ oz of explosive.

Mr O'Doherty was flown from Ulster to London by special RAF aircraft. He will appear at Bow Street Magistrates' Court today.

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Proposals to UN on curbing weapons

Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, proposed a treaty banning development of new weapons in a speech to the United Nations yesterday. Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, put forward proposals to stop the spread of weapons by ensuring that nuclear material from civil plants is not converted for military use

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No sales boycott

The British Antique Dealers' Association has decided against a total boycott of Sotheby's and Christie's, the fine art auctioneers, over their imposition of a 10 per cent buyer's premium. But it has agreed that groups should continue to organize random boycotts of sales

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Motor Show switch

The International Motor Show will move to Birmingham's £25m National Exhibition Centre when the Earls Court Centre closes for modernization after next year's show. Birmingham centre officials are confident of keeping the show even when Earls Court reopens

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Headlights at night for winter time

Motorists will have to use headlights at night, whether or not the road is lit, under draft regulations which have been sent to interested parties for comment. Mr Gilbert, Minister for Transport, said yesterday that he hoped to bring them into force on October 26 when British Summer Time ends

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Land Bill changes: The Government has proposed amendments to the Community Land Bill reducing the compulsory purchase powers it provides for local authorities by introducing categories of "exempt" and "excepted" development land 2

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Nine aircraft survivors safe

Frankfurt, Sept 23.—Eight Ethiopians and a 21-year-old West German girl arrived safely in Addis Ababa today, 12 days after their aircraft was forced down in Ethiopian bushland.

The airline announced in Addis Ababa yesterday that Fraulein Christiane Lange, five Ethiopian passengers and three Ethiopian crew of a DC3 aircraft were being held captive by bandits

Football results

Arsenal 0, Everton 1
Birmingham 3, Newcastle 2
Coventry 0, Middlesbrough 1
Ipswich 2, Norwich 0
Queens Park Rangers 1, Leicester 0.
Sheffield United 2, Burnley 1
Wolverhampton 0, Aston Villa 0

HOME NEWS

Two foreign missile systems included in Services' purchases

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

Purchase of three new guided-missile systems for the Armed Forces, two foreign and the third to be developed in Britain, was announced by the Government yesterday. The RAF is also to receive 15 new British Sea King helicopters for search and rescue work. Two British missile projects are being cancelled.

The announcement, by Lord Winterbottom in the House of Lords, ends weeks of speculation about its contents and timing. The Ministry of Defence declined to give the cost of the three deals because final negotiations have still to be carried out, but unofficial estimates have ranged between £300m and £400m. The missile systems are:

Sub-Harpoon: An American missile made by McDonnell Douglas with a range of up to 60 nautical miles. It will be fired from the torpedo tubes of the Royal Navy's nuclear-powered attack submarines, endowing them with a long-overdue capability far superior to the conventional torpedo.

Milan: A Franco-German wire-guided anti-tank weapon with a range of up to 2,000 metres for the British infantry. Already in service with the French and German armies, Milan is Europe's answer to the Russian-made Sagger and Snapper which were used by the Arabs in the 1973 Middle East war, and the Government is satisfied that there is no equivalent system under development in Britain.

Sea Skua: An air-launched guided missile now to enter full development by the British Aircraft Corporation for use against enemy ships by the Royal Navy's new Lynx helicopters.

Sensitivity over the two foreign orders, which the Government has prefaced with the cautious condition "if the terms are right" has been acute, because the package also tolls the death knell for two all-British missile projects.

These are Sub-Martel, a proposed British equivalent of Harpoon, a feasibility study of which has already been completed by Hawker-Siddeley Dynamics; and BAC's Hawkswing, a helicopter-borne anti-tank missile for the Army Air Corps.

Lord Winterbottom said that financial pressures had made it necessary to abandon Government interest in Hawkswing or any foreign equivalent. The Army will have to continue using the obsolescent SS-11 system which is fitted to helicopters while a long-term solution is kept under review.

The decision over Sub-Martel was a particularly difficult issue to decide, Lord Winterbottom said. The Government had kept open the option for three years and had explored the possibility of a joint collaboration with France, but it had always been recognized that Harpoon was likely to be the more attractive proposition.

Anticipating an outburst against a decision to buy abroad, Lord Winterbottom said that there should be no unacceptable consequences in the loss of job opportunities.

The development of Sea Skua should help BAC to offset the loss of Hawkswing, although the company announced last night that it will carry on development with an eye to export potential. In addition, the Government is hoping to negotiate a deal with France and Germany for the manufacture of Milan in this country, which will help BAC and possibly other companies.

As for Hawker-Siddeley Dynamics where a team of about 300 have been directly involved in the development of Sub-Martel, the Government agrees that some loss of jobs is likely to be unavoidable, although up to three tenths of the work on Harpoon could be completed in Britain.

Top-level talks are to begin with Hawker-Siddeley this week to settle the details of a Ministry of Defence programme of research and development linked to likely future military needs, and also to the growth of expertise in the company.

Statements were made by both BAC and Hawker-Siddeley last night regretting the cancelled projects, neither of which has come as any great surprise. BAC at least had the satisfaction of announcing that there would be no redundancies in its guided weapons division.

Harpoon and Sea Skua should come into service in the early 1980s and Milan somewhat earlier.

The order for 15 Sea Kings for the RAF at £1m each, announced independently yesterday, means that about half the existing force of elderly Whirlwind search and rescue helicopters will be replaced.

The Sea Kings can operate as far as 270 miles from base, compared with the Whirlwind's 85 miles and the Wessex helicopter's 95 miles. The Sea King also has the ability to hover over the sea at night or in fog or low cloud, can carry more than the Whirlwind and Wessex, can drop a winch line four times as long as that on the Whirlwind, and has improved radar and computerized navigation.



The Prime Minister with (left to right): Charlie Williams, the comedian; Peter Gordeno, the dancer; Colin Crompton, the comedian; and Danny La Rue, the female impersonator, at a charity lunch in Manchester yesterday when £4,000 was given to the Police Dependants' Trust.

Information in the home by telephone and TV

By Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

The telephone and television set could be linked to provide a significant new type of home information service if Post Office trials beginning next year prove successful.

Known as Viewdata, the proposed new service was demonstrated publicly for the first time yesterday at the Eurocomp international computer conference at Heathrow, London.

Sir William Ryland, chairman of the Post Office, said: "Viewdata adds a new dimension to communication. The day when people at home or work can call up information they need over the public telephone network and have it presented to them quickly and cheaply on a television screen is not so far distant."

Post Office officials were at pains yesterday to emphasize that the corporation itself did not intend to get into the information-providing business. It aimed to provide space in a computer data bank for existing "information providers", and access to that information via home or office television receivers.

The officials were coy about the identity of the information-providers who might use the service, but they seem initially to have in mind national and local newspapers, motoring organizations, consumer organizations, local authorities, central government departments and publishers of guides and directories.

In the home, the telephone subscriber would need a modified television set, a unit to connect the phone and the television, and a hand-held "keypad" rather like a large pocket calculator.

Using the keypad, the user would call up the Viewdata service and select the "pages" of information to be displayed on the television screen. The pages could include news, sport, share prices, holiday and travel information, educational material, classified advertisements and so on.

A sort of "Yellow Pages" guide could be extended to give details of prices at individual shops and restaurants, and, at some time in the future, could include a two-way link enabling the television shopper to order goods by pressing the appropriate buttons on his keypad.

"Jokes, quizzes and games" are also promised, or threatened, via the new service. But it is not clear who would provide them.

For the viewer, the new service will appear similar to the two "Teletext" services which are being introduced by the BBC and Independent Television.

Teletext will be a broadcast "magazine" service of a relatively limited number of pages, while Viewdata will enable the user to select from a larger computer-held "library," and, later, to use a two-day message service.

Regional and specialized information services are also envisaged for Viewdata. For business use, special Viewdata terminals (combining television screen, telephone and keypad) would be developed.

What control will the Post Office exercise over the content of the Viewdata information? Mr Fred Phillips, director of marketing, telecommunications, disclosed that the corporation's normal control "of decency and taste" would apply.

Pilot trials next year will be followed by public trials in 1977. If all goes well, an open public service could begin in 1978.

Antiques men reject full auction boycott

By Our Arts Reporter

Hundreds of antique dealers from all parts of the country decided in London yesterday against a total boycott of Sotheby's and Christie's, the fine art auctioneers, over their imposition this season of a 10 per cent buyer's premium. But groups of members are to continue to organize ad hoc boycotts at random sales.

The decision by the British Antique Dealers' Association was similar to that agreed on Monday by the Society of London Art Dealers. Members of the London and Provincial Antique Dealers' Association, while said to be more strongly in favour of a total boycott, have also agreed to abide by a six-point plan drawn up by the other two societies. The fourth trade association, the Antiquarian Booksellers, has still to meet to decide its attitude.

Talks are to continue between the dealers and the auctioneers who have offered to review the effects of the premium at the end of the season, next July. Mr George Levy, president of the British Antique Dealers' Association, said last night the dealers wanted to avoid a collision course. They were grateful for the offer of a review, but it was not enough to satisfy them.

The market had an estimated £100m turnover, plus invisible earnings. While dealers understood that the auctioneers needed more revenue they would have been happier if the vending commission rate had been increased by a few per cent.

Mr Godfrey Pilkington, chairman of the Society of London Art Dealers, said it was unlikely there would be any boycott of an important international picture sale, of which several are due before the end of the season, because dealers would regard it as unpatriotic

Convicted PC was innocent, detective says

A detective constable said at Leeds Crown Court yesterday that a fellow officer, convicted of wasting police time by putting in a false report, had pleaded guilty to something he had not done.

Det Constable Brian Parker, aged 30, denied that he had reported his car stolen to cover up the fact that he had been involved in an accident. He also denied that he and Police Constable Colin Davidson, who has since resigned from the force and is appealing against a three-month sentence, had agreed that the car would be reported as stolen.

Constable Parker, of Drury Lane, Horsforth, Leeds, said in evidence that he was not driving his car when it was involved in an accident. He was in bed at the time.

He told Constable Davidson that the car had been "nicked". Constable Davidson never said "come off it" and there was never any agreement to put in a false report. He added: "That crime report that he (Davidson) filled in is not false."

Constable Parker has pleaded not guilty to procuring Constable Davidson to report his car stolen, thereby wasting police time.

The trial continues today.

Print unions likely to accept £6 offer

A £6 Fleet Street pay deal was offered to five big print and maintenance unions yesterday by the Newspaper Publishers Association (NPA).

In a statement after the talks, the NPA said:

The unions present gave the NPA an assurance that they were prepared to accept the terms and implications of the TUC-backed government anti-inflation policy. In return for that assurance the NPA offered eligible employees a weekly wage increase of £6 to take effect from October 1, 1975. The offer will apply to all adults, with the usual pro rata of percentage payments applying to juniors and apprentices.

The unions indicated that the offer would be considered by them at executive level.

Following an NPA presentation on the state of the industry and the urgent need for economies, the unions said they would seek a meeting with the NPA council to discuss and determine commitments required in order to deal with the rationalization of staffing levels and other current problems, including the introduction of new technology.

Both the NPA and the unions recognized the need for urgent action in these areas in order to maintain the continuance of all national newspapers during the foreseeable future.

The unions are the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Sogat), the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa) the National Graphical Association (NGA), the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers, Engravers and Process Workers (Slade), and the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union (EETPU).

Our Labour Staff writes: The main printing unions will recommend acceptance of the offer. Mr William Keys, Sogat general secretary, said it was precisely what he had asked for.

Our Labour Editor writes: National newspaper publishers yesterday warned printing union leaders that the industry was in a critical financial state, and might be unable to afford the full flat-rate pay increase. Voluntary redundancies were needed if all newspapers were to survive.

Presenting a 2,500-word document, Mr John Dixey, NPA director, said: "Lots of people have had an easy time. . . .The palmy days are gone."

The industry had lost £2,500,000 last year and most newspapers expected to "significantly less well" this year. Newsprint bills were likely to rise by at least £9m, and other costs by £10m.

It would cost the industry £8m to give all 28,000 printing workers in Fleet Street and Manchester the maximum £6.

That possible increase of £27m in costs was coming when fewer newspapers were being sold. "In the last 12 months, circulations have dropped. . . . We now sell 9,467,929 fewer newspapers in a week." That must affect employment in machine and publishing rooms.

Mr Dixey added that most daily newspapers were now down by about six pages a day, and advertising revenue was falling.

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Land Bill charges to extend exemption

By John Young
Planning Reporter

Two important proposed amendments to the Community Land Bill were announced by the Government yesterday. They are largely motivated by replies to a consultation document sent to local authorities and other organizations earlier this year and reflect ministers' desire at this late stage to achieve as wide a consensus as possible.

The amendments both relate to Clause 3, which defines "relevant development" as all development except where otherwise prescribed by the Secretary of State for the Environment. The Bill, as it stands, specifically exempts only the building of a single house by the owner of the land for his own occupation.

The Government now proposes two categories of "exempt" and "excepted" development. The first would embrace relatively minor types of development, placing them outside the acquisition powers of local authorities. The second would specify types of development for which local authorities would retain the power, but not the duty, to acquire the land.

A policy statement issued yesterday explains that the exempt development category is intended to replace earlier proposals to define "non-relevant" development by regulation. The Government proposes that the types of development covered by this category should be specifically listed in a schedule to the Bill.

Excepted development would be defined by regulation, and would carry a presumption that the power to acquire land for such development would not normally be used save in exceptional circumstances.

The Secretary of State would not have the power to disregard objections to a compulsory purchase order made on the grounds that acquisition is inexpedient or unnecessary. A circular would indicate the sort of instances in which purchase orders might be granted.

The proposed amendments have been announced at a remarkably late stage, in view of the Government's determination to see the Bill enacted during the current Parliamentary session. However, since they can be seen as a concession to the Bill's critics, they are likely to meet with wide support.

Survey into bird deaths

The first of five surveys next winter to discover the number of birds killed on Britain's coastline by oil and other pollution is being organized by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds next weekend.

Past surveys by 600 volunteers, results of which were disclosed yesterday, show that nearly 5,300 dead birds were found along 7,200 miles of coastline in Britain and Ireland over the past year.

Tory doctors give warning on Labour medical aims

The recently formed Conservative Medical Society will recommend a future Conservative government to reverse any separation of private practice from the National Health Service by the present Government.

The society gave a warning last night that if the proposals were implemented without the support of doctors there would be an immediate lowering in the standard of patient care and a deterioration in the health of the nation. The proposals represented a new and serious increase of state interference in the liberty of the individual.

The British Orthopaedic Association, representing about a thousand surgeons, has sent a letter to Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, saying that she has no real intention of encouraging discussion with those "whose livelihood is directly involved".

The letter, from Mr Philip Newman, the association's president, says that the proposals threaten the personal liberty of patients and the independence of doctors.

"It is our conviction that the document will mislead the public by suggesting that NHS patients will benefit from separation of private practice from the nation's hospitals.

"In fact implementation of the proposals will certainly limit the commitment of NHS consultants, deter recruitment of men and women of real calibre and encourage emigration among those not yet committed to a career."

Northern Ireland strife widens political troubles

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starkly illustrated by the fate of most of those suspects picked up during the day by the Army and handed over to the police. It was learnt that by nightfall all but a handful had been set free and there were no reports of charges being preferred.

The Provisional IRA refused to elaborate further through its spokesmen about its motives for launching Monday's devastating attacks; but it is understood that the main purpose was a concerted show of strength at a time when the province's political future is under intensive review. Many of the more militant volunteers, long disillusioned with the lack of military activity, were growing restive at the amount of publicity given to recent political moves compared with that received by the republican movement.

Sporadic republican violence continued in many parts of Ulster yesterday, including an ambush on two policemen, a bomb attack on a Londonderry bus depot, and a skilfully disguised parcel bomb which injured two Protestants in the Woodvale district of Belfast. There is widespread belief that the harsher security measures will begin the inevitable Provisional IRA retaliation.

Both policemen were slightly injured when a joint Army-Royal Ulster Constabulary patrol was fired on by a gunman in co Londonderry. The parcel bomb blew up in the home of a man aged 26, causing him serious injuries and injuring his elderly mother.

The joint incident centres continued to operate throughout the day, with messages passing between representatives of Provisional Sinn Fein and the main government centre in Stormont Castle.

Mr Rees will fly back to Northern Ireland today to attend a top-level security review to discuss the deteriorating situation. One main topic will be the possible transfer of further troops to the province. The total is about 14,800, but it is understood that regiments in England and Germany are ready to fly in.

The size of the gap dividing the two main political power blocks in the constitutional Convention was emphasized yesterday when they tabled final proposals for a future structure of regional government for Northern Ireland.

From the loyalist coalition came a document suggesting a system which, with the exception of a collection of powerful administrative committees, differs little from the Stormont Parliament which disappeared when direct rule was introduced.

The 10-point coalition plan is based on a loyalist policy document distributed last month, with the notable omission of a paragraph outlining ways in which a multi-party emergency coalition might have come into existence.

After the two decisive votes against the moderate view advocated by Mr William Craig, all references to such a possibility have been excised from the final proposals, which will be debated when the Convention resumes next week.

In spite of the omission, the final document, described as "a statement of principles", has been given the support of Mr Craig and the 12 other members of his Vanguard Convention Party.

Mr Harry West, the coalition leader, insisted yesterday that the loyalists would still refuse to change their attitude on basic principles, whatever Westminster demanded. He envisaged a referendum as the logical solution to any stalemate between the British Government and the Convention's Protestant majority.

Among the detailed suggestions in the plan are the scrapping of the post of Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. The loyalists suggest he should be replaced by a Cabinet member responsible for all the non-devolved government functions in the devolved regions of the United Kingdom.

There are numerous points on which the loyalist proposals are in direct contradiction to those tabled by the largely Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party. The main differences centre on the crucial issue of power-sharing and the institutionalization of an "Irish dimension".

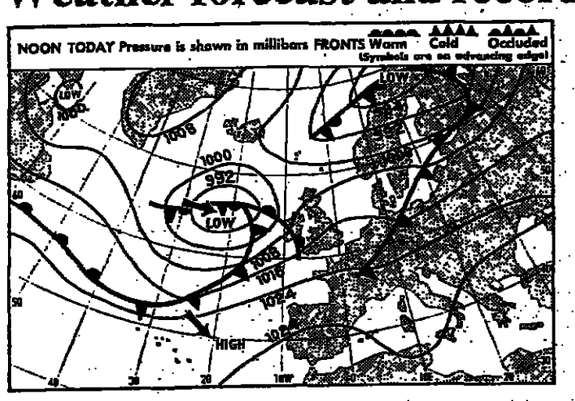
According to the SDLP, institutions agreed between North and South should cover matters of common concern in the socio-economic field. More controversially, they should also involve a small North-South security council to operate during a state of emergency.

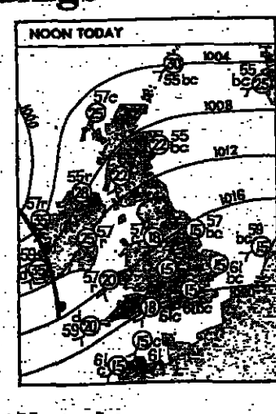
Opposition warning: The Government was warned in the Lords yesterday by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Opposition spokesman on the law and Home Office affairs, that the bi-partisan policy on Northern Ireland might be in danger if Conservative leaders were not taken more into the confidence of ministers.

Lord Shepherd, Leader of the House, said the Government attached supreme importance to the maintenance of a bi-partisan policy. He hoped that Lord Hailsham's words would not create the impression that the Government was witholding information.

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Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.49 am Sun sets: 6.56 pm
Moon sets: 11.2 am Moon rises: 8.18 pm
Last quarter: September 28.
Lighting up: 7.26 pm to 6.20 am.
High water: London Bridge, 4.40 am, 7.1m (23.2ft); 4.51 pm, 7.1m (23.2ft). Avonmouth, 10.0 am, 12.5m (41.0ft); 10.14 pm, 12.3m (40.2ft). Dover, 1.43 am, 6.4m 21.0ft); 1.57 pm, 6.4m (21.1ft). Hull, 8.49 am, 7.2m (23.6ft); 9.13 pm, 6.9m (22.7ft). Liverpool, 1.48 am, 9.0m (29.4ft); 2.3 pm, 8.8m (28.8ft).

The W airstream over British Isles will become SW as a trough of low pressure, weak in S, moves NE over most parts.

Area forecasts:

London, SE England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Mainly fair, sunny periods; wind W, moderate; max temp 18°C (64°F).

Central, SW England, S Wales: Fair, sunny periods, becoming cloudy with occasional drizzle and hill fog; wind W, moderate, becoming SW, fresh; max temp 18°C (64°F).

Midlands, E. central, N England: Mainly fair, sunny periods, becoming cloudy; wind W, moderate, becoming SW, fresh; max temp 17°C (63°F).

N Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Sunny periods, occasional showers, becoming cloudy with rain and hill fog; wind W, moderate, becoming SW, strong; max temp 15°C (59°F).

Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll: Sunny periods, occasional showers, becoming cloudy with rain and hill fog; wind W, fresh, becoming S, strong or gale; max temp 13°C (55°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Showers, sunny periods, becoming cloudy with rain and hill fog; wind W, fresh or strong, becoming S, strong or gale; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Changeable, showers or longer periods of rain in most districts, mainly dry at first in SE, temp near normal.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 17°C (63°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 13°C (55°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 82 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, 0.1in. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 2.1 hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1019.0 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, September 23

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp °C	°F	
E COAST					
Scarboro	5.7	—	18	64	Sun pm
Cromer	4.0	—	20	68	Sun ints
Clacton	5.5	—	20	68	Sun inpr
Margate	6.3	—	20	68	Sun pm
S COAST					
Hastings	3.1	—	18	64	Sun ints
Eastbourne	3.0	.06	19	66	Rain pm
Brighton	1.9	.02	18	64	Rain pm
Worthing	1.9	.03	18	64	Rain pm
Bognor R	0.3	—	16	61	Sun ints
Southsea	0.6	.01	17	63	Rain pm
Sandown	1.1	.03	17	63	Drizr pm
Bournemth	1.1	—	17	63	Cloudy
Exmouth	4.3	—	19	66	Sun ints
Torquay	4.7	—	19	66	Sun ints
Falmouth	5.2	.06	17	63	Drizz am
W COAST					
Morecambe	3.3	.29	16	61	Sunny
Blackpool	5.6	.20	16	61	Sun pm
Ilfracombe	6.5	.20	16	61	Drizr pm
Newquay	5.1	.12	16	61	Rain am

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, BFr 25; Canaries, Pes 40; Denmark, Dkr 5.75; Finland, FmK 2.50; France, Frs 2.50; Germany, Dmk 2.00; Greece, Dr 35; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 450; Luxembourg, Lf 20; Madeira, Esc. 17.50; Malta, 9c; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 33; Sweden, Skr 1.75; Switzerland, Sfr 2.00; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Dm 20.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	f	26	79	Cologne	f	25	77	L Palmas	s	24	75
Amsterdm	s	19	66	Copenhgn	s	19	66	Lisbon	s	28	77
Athens	c	29	84	Dublin	c	16	61	Locarno	s	25	77
Barcelona	s	25	77	Edinburgh	r	14	57	London	c	17	63
Beirut	s	28	82	Florence	s	28	82	Luxemburg	s	17	63
Belfast	r	11	52	Funchal	s	26	79	Madrid	s	28	77
Berlin	s	22	72	Geneva	s	17	63	Majorca	s	26	79
Biarritz	s	22	72	Gibraltar	s	23	73	Malaga	s	25	77
Birmingham	c	17	63	Guernsey	c	15	59	Malta	f	26	79
Bristol	c	16	61	Helsinki	c	14	57	Manchestr	s	19	66
Brussels	s	21	70	Innsbruck	s	28	82	Moscow	c	15	59
Budapest	s	24	75	Istanbul	s	24	75	Munich	s	22	72
Cardiff	s	17	63	Jersey	c	17	63	Naples	s	28	82
Nice	s	25	77
Nicosia	s	28	82
Oslo	f	16	61
Paris	f	21	70
Reykjavik	s	12	54
Rome	s	27	81
Rotterdm	s	19	66
Stockholm	c	17	63
Tel Aviv	s	28	82
Venice	s	25	77
Vienna	s	23	73
Warsaw	s	23	73
Zurich	s	20	68

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Mr Walker's plan to spread wealth

By Our Political Correspondent

Council tenants who paid their rent for 20 years should be given the deeds of their houses and make no further payments, Mr Walker, former Conservative Minister for Housing and Local Government, said yesterday. Council tenants who had paid rent for less than 20 years should continue paying their present level of rent as a mortgage repayment until the 20-year period had been completed.

"Think of the transformation of Britain which would result from this", he said at a Conservative meeting at Putney. "We would have achieved the biggest redistribution of wealth to people ever attained in this country.

"We would give one third of our population a real stake in Britain. They would have a real asset to pass on to their families. We would end bureaucracy, the standardization and the social divisiveness created by the council house system."

Since Mr Walker first outlined his proposals at Droitwich about two months ago he has received 7,000 letters from people who wanted to know more. He has also had discussions with financial experts and local government officers, explaining how his plan would cost "virtually nothing" because of the present level of rents and maintenance costs.

He asked last night that the public should be given the facts about the present absurdities of the financial structure of public housing, so that they could appreciate the good sense of handing over the properties to the tenants.

In England and Wales, after collecting the rents and maintaining the buildings, only £172m remained to meet the cost of the buildings themselves and the interest charges on them. That amount was less than a quarter of the cost of the increase in local government salaries likely this year under the Government's incomes policy.

Mr Walker said that among the letters he received were many from council house tenants "who felt that at last someone was going to release them from being permanent tenants of the bureaucratic housing departments". Many letters also came from owner-occupiers who, quite understandably, protested in case others would be obtaining benefits not available to them.

Unlike owner-occupiers, council tenants obtained no benefit from the increasing value of their houses as inflation took place. They had no freedom to decorate in the way they wished and no incentive to improve their homes. They had no substantial bequest to leave to their children, and no prospect other than years of steadily rising rents with no permanent benefit to themselves or their families.

There was no benefit to Britain's owner-occupiers in retaining one-third of the nation as tenants. The system would prove to be increasingly expensive not just for the tenants themselves but for those who had to pay the enormous subsidies required.

"I do hope the Conservative Party will not go into the next election with a policy towards council house tenants which increases their rents and gives them no prospect of obtaining the independence and liberties of the property owner, which Conservatives should advocate," Mr Walker said.

Three found dead after sale of Devon farm

A family of three elderly people who were found dead yesterday may have been killed because of a dispute over the sale for £90,000 of their 200-acre farm, West Chapel, at Winkleigh, north Devon.

Detectives said they believed that one of the three killed the others with a shotgun and then committed suicide. The victims are thought to be Mr Alan Luxton, and Mr Robbie Luxton, both bachelors, aged between 60 and 65, and their sister, Miss Frances Luxton, aged 67.

Mr Lionel Bunter, the village postmaster, said: "Until last December I don't believe Alan had physically been off the farm for nearly 20 years. He was finally forced to come down to the village to sign some savings certificates.

Two of the bodies were found outside the barn. The other was outside the front of the rambling house. Police said all three died of severe injuries. Forensic experts were examining a shotgun.

A relative, believed to be a nephew, has been traced.

Search for hotel bomb clues

By Clive Borrell

Forensic scientists attached to Scotland Yard's bomb squad were still searching for clues late last night at the Portman Hotel, London, where a bomb exploded, injuring three people on Monday night.

The police said they were anxious to interview a young long-haired man who was seen running from the scene of the explosion by passers-by. It is not believed he was involved in planting the bomb, which was classified as "small", but the police think he may have seen those responsible.

No warning was given before the bomb exploded and detectives believe that those responsible planted similar bombs in the Hilton Hotel, in which two people were killed and 62 injured on September 5.

City of London Police said last night that three women, all sisters, and a man, who were detained last week outside the Central Criminal Court, had been released.

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fog or falling snow it l still be permissible to use fog lamps instead of headlamps. At present drivers are required to use headlights only on roads without street lighting or where street lamps are more than 200 yards apart, although even where lamps are spaced more frequently the road may be badly lit.

A further argument in favour of headlights is that if one fails the driver is more likely to notice it than he would a defective sidelight. A single sidelight may mean that the car is mistaken for a cycle or motor cycle.

The main argument against using headlights at night is that they can dazzle, particularly in rain. During the severe winter of 1962-63, the use of headlights was encouraged for a trial period in Birmingham, but the results were inconclusive.

The AA said yesterday that the proposed regulations seemed to have merit. It was illogical to compel motorists to use headlights in poor visibility in daytime while allowing them to drive on sidelights in some districts at night.

The RAC said it was interested in any measures likely to reduce road accidents at night.

Rabies virus absent from dead man's body

By a Staff Reporter

Rabies virus was not found in a man who died of the disease after intensive vaccine treatment, Dr Sylvia Gardner, senior virologist at the Central Public Health Laboratories at Colindale, London, told the St Pancras coroner yesterday. She was giving evidence at an inquest on Mr Valwynne Ingham, who was bitten by a rabid dog in the Gambia and died 12 weeks later in London in July.

She added that tests showed there was plenty of rabies antibody present and active formation of antibodies to the disease had been observed as early as June 15.

Dr Douglas Chambers, the coroner, commented that Mr Ingham, who was 37, had received most energetic treatment. "The negativity of the finding on the presence of the virus after this intensive treatment was perhaps the light at the end of the tunnel", he added. He recorded a verdict of death by misadventure.

Patients bitten by rabid animals have a good chance of survival if they receive vaccine treatment immediately.

Dr Chambers said that "very rigid barriers" on the import of animals should be maintained. Seamen who allowed dogs kept on ship to wander freely in port seemed to be the worst offenders.

Our Medical Correspondent writes: Failure to isolate rabies virus in this case does not throw doubt on the diagnosis. Isolation is never easy, even in untreated patients. Here, the absence of the virus and the high antibody levels found suggests that the vaccine treatment had had some beneficial effect, although the outcome was still fatal. Recovery from rabies after symptoms have developed has been recorded only twice.



John Piper photographed yesterday with one of his works at the Marlborough Fine Art gallery, London. The title of this oil painting (48 inches by 72 inches) is "Venice Fantasy".

In brief

Father of dead girls leaves

Mr Alfred McNall, the father of two young girls found strangled last week, left Gateshead police station yesterday. He had spent the night there after being found wandering at Stanhope, co Durham, on Monday. A police official said no charges were likely to be made against him.

Mr McNall's daughters, Beverley and Alison, were found dead at their home in Gateshead on Friday. His wife's body was found in a disused quarry on Sunday.

Reduction in burials urged

The number of burials in Britain had to be reduced to less than a fifth of deaths by the end of the century for the happiness of future generations, Mr Jack Roberts, president of the Federation of British Cremation Authorities, said yesterday.

He told the conference of burial and cremation authorities in Scarvorough that cremation was saving Britain 300 acres of land each year.

16 treated after gas escape

Sixteen workers were treated in hospital after inhaling carbon dioxide gas from a fire sprinkler system at an IBM factory at Havant, Hampshire, yesterday.

The sprinkler went off in a basement area housing electrical equipment while electricians were working there.

Fur dealing

Mr Martin Lacey, Director of the Sherwood Zoo, Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, said yesterday that he had been approached by a dealer who wished to buy zoo animals for their furs. "Untrained lions have been sold for as little as £25 and the skin is worth between £150 and £250," he said.

More police attacked

The number of violent attacks on Thames Valley policemen between January and June was 81 per cent more than in the corresponding period last year, a report issued yesterday says. There were 49 serious attacks.

First McCallum lecture

Former Senator Fullbright is to give the first McCallum memorial lecture, established by Pembroke College, in Oxford, on October 24. It will be entitled "Fifty Years On", and Mr Harold Macmillan will take the chair.

Art exhibition closes

"The Rival of Nature", an exhibition of Renaissance art at the National Gallery, closes on Sunday. It will have been seen by about 350,000 people.

P seeks state control motor insurance

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scheme for nationalizing r insurance and establish- notoring courts, prepared Mr Norman Atkinson, ur MP for Haringey, nham, for submission to ational executive (NEC) of Labour Party is likely to stroug support from mem- of the *Tribune* group.

Atkinson said yesterday he regarded his scheme as first step towards the nalization of the insurance stry, which is being con- ed by a subcommittee of EC, with other industrial nalization plans. He hoped it would be part of ur's nationalization pro- s in the next election festo.

said: "I do not think we oing to get anywhere with ocialist aims unless we do vene in the City and ce institutions. But within scope of the state motor ance scheme I want to ttractive ways of helping ood motorist, looking after onsumer, and giving assist- to the motor repair stry."

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said he would also sub- is scheme to Mr Wedg- Benn, Secretary of State nergy, as chairman of the policy committee of the and to the Society of r Lawyers, which would ncerned in the proposal to motoring courts.

Atkinson said that careful heavily subsidized the nt and the reckless. s showed that 1,500,000 were involved in motor- fences in 1973, and 15 nt of them were dis- d to have committed an ice offence. Experts ed that the number of sts not properly insured our or five times that

scheme is in four parts: arty insurance would be r nationally by a levy on nd other vehicle fuels. He d that last year third- surance cost about £220m. levy on each gallon of petrol would produce £253m, he said. With such a fund no one would suffer because a motorist did not have third-party cover, as happens.

Comprehensive, fire and theft insurance. Policies would be offered by a state-run motor car insurance corporation. A points system would vary the premiums to the benefit of careful, accident-free drivers. There would be an information link with the driving records centre at Swansea so that the corporation could use up-to-date court records.

Capital assistance to motor repair trade. From the funds of the corporation capital grants would be made to assist garages carrying out motor repairs. Mr Atkinson said: "The trade is severely undercapitalized, yet the customer now pays labour costs which consist of one third wages, plus two thirds overheads, plus of course the cost of parts and value-added tax. Government inspectors who now check on vehicle testing garages would inspect garages in receipt of grants to ensure that quality standards are maintained." Motoring courts. They would relieve the heavy pressure on other courts and would have specialist knowledge. Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, has written to Mr Atkinson saying that when the question was last considered, in 1965, the view was that they would serve no useful purpose. While promising to consider the details of Mr Atkinson's scheme, he wrote: "I am bound to add that there can be little prospect at the present time of introducing a new system of courts which would be bound to involve considerable cost."

Some of the defects Mr Atkinson sees in the present system are that cars of vastly different type are rated for premiums on the same basis; rates are based on where the motorist lives, not where he drives; the rates do not reflect the milage travelled; the no-claim bonus is no longer, because of inflation, a sufficient incentive; and insurance company solvency margins are again under pressure.

Mr Atkinson said that at first the national insurance corporation should compete with commercial insurance companies. He believed their business would wither away in face of the advantages of the state scheme.

Insurers and the garage trade were discussing improving body repair work standards and fixing standard times for repairs. The estimated cost of motor insurance premiums in 1975 was £580m. The number of drivers was 16 million.

River tidal model to be closed

The Humber tidal model at Hull which cost £250,000 to build seven years ago is to be closed as an economy measure, the docks board said yesterday. The model simulates in a few minutes the 24-hour tide cycle in the estuary and is used by engineers for research.

Mr Kenneth Bantock, Humber ports director, said that if the economic situation improved they hoped to open it again.

Helicopter link

A helicopter service between Heathrow and Gatwick airports is under consideration by the British Airports Authority. It would take 15 minutes and cost £5 a passenger.

National park slurry dump inquiry opens

Plans to use 70 acres of the Peak National Park for waste disposal were outlined at a public inquiry in Bakewell, Derbyshire, yesterday.

Laporte Industries wants to build a lagoon and dam and continue underground mineral workings in the park at Langstone Edge. The company is appealing against a refusal to allow it to use Blakedon Hollow for disposal of slurry.

The inquiry, which is expected to last three weeks, will be a test case for a new EEC policy that a company must pay for pollution it causes.

Bird disease recurs

Botulism, which killed hundreds of birds on the Norfolk Broads last month, has broken out again, on the river Thurne, near Martham. The low water level has been blamed.

Welsh-speaking days in court at Pwllheli

From Trevor Fishlock
Cardiff

An important step in establishing the routine use of the Welsh language in the courts will be taken at Pwllheli, Gwynedd, today. The bench will be the first of several in north and west Wales to adopt a scheme of alternating Welsh-speaking days with English days.

The intention, in part, is to continue the process of taking the formerly emotive question of Welsh in the courts out of politics by making all-Welsh hearings a matter of routine.

In this way the courts will be able to accord more fully with the spirit of the Welsh Language Act, 1967, which says that Welsh should be freely used in the courts. While some magistrates' courts have held hearings in Welsh for many years, it is hoped that putting Welsh days on a regular footing will improve the status of the language, make administration easier, and remove from defendants the burden of knowing that if they ask for a Welsh hearing they might be causing inconvenience, although it is their right.

Since the Welsh courtroom struggles of 1969-72 exposed the inability of the courts to give proper effect to the Welsh Language Act, and the law itself was brought into disrepute, there have been efforts by judges, magistrates, and administrators to improve legal procedures in the Welsh language. A panel of paid and trained interpreters has been established and a court wired for simultaneous translation has been opened at Cardiff.

Meanwhile, a High Court judge and four circuit judges have attended courses to gain greater familiarity with Welsh

'Monopoly' champion to buy house

Mr Kenneth Jones, aged 27, from Bolton, Lancashire, yesterday won the title of British champion of the game of Monopoly, out of 30,000 competitors. He is a management services assistant and will represent Britain at the European championship.

In yesterday's final in a Park Lane hotel in London, he bought nearly all the 32 houses in the game, thus preventing his opponents from expanding. At a crucial stage he converted his houses to hotels, and the high rents made the other players go bankrupt.

"It is really 50 per cent luck and 50 per cent skill", Mr Jones said after winning the title. "I get plenty of practice. I play about three times a week, mainly with my colleagues at lunchtime."

He has, however, had little experience in the real world of property. "I still live with my parents—but I shall soon have to buy my first house as I plan to marry", he said.

The runner-up was Miss Sara Rosen, aged 23, a betting office cashier from Worthing.

The first prize, a specially-made Monopoly table, was presented by Sir Jack Cohen, holder of the only previous British Monopoly championship.

Clay Cross home is barred to receiver

From Our Correspondent
Chesterfield

Mr David Skinner, a former Clay Cross councillor refused to allow an assistant Official Receiver into his council house yesterday. He bolted the doors of the house in Rye Crescent, Clay Cross, and refused to admit Mr Stanley Uren, who had travelled from Sheffield to assess his assets after bankruptcy proceedings involving £63,000 against the 11 former councillors.

Mr Skinner had said earlier: "The only way he will get in is with a police warrant."

Mr Uren said: "I shall report back to the Official Receiver and then probably to the court."

Mr Skinner cancelled an interview he was to have had with the Official Receiver, in Sheffield, although other former councillors have cooperated in bankruptcy examinations. He said: "That is a matter for each individual but it will not do for me."

Mr Graham Skinner, aged 33, Mr Skinner's brother who was also a Clay Cross councillor, has visited the Official Receiver's office in Sheffield and been told that his £1,000 car will have to be sold to help to pay his debts.

Drama schools report calls for changes

By Our Arts Reporter

Many British drama schools are on the verge of bankruptcy and collapse, it was stated at a press conference in London yesterday.

Professor John Vaizey, chairman of a committee of inquiry set up by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in February last year to look into professional training for drama, was introducing the committee's report. It recommends the concentration of public financial support for drama training on a few drama schools, and the setting up of a national council for drama training.

The committee says that recognized drama schools should seek the additional financial support they need primarily by coming within the state higher education system and by establishing links with local authorities. It also foresees some schools offering acting degrees validated by the Council for National Academic Awards.

Professor Vaizey said the question was how to support drama schools without increasing public spending on them. About £1.5m was spent by the state and local authorities on drama training, and the structure proposed by the committee would concentrate that amount where it would be most useful.

"We believe the right structure is in the existing system of higher education and we do not believe this would destroy the independence of the drama training schools", he added.

Mr Michael Barnes, secretary of the committee, said there were three aspects to consider: the imbalance between the number of people seeking work and the work available; the fact that schools were completely dependent on fees and that students were unable to get grants; and the need for a closer involvement of the acting profession in training. The creation of a "recognized" sector of schools would control the numbers entering the profession.

Other proposals in the report, which is to be discussed at a working conference on October 15, include a recommendation that the Department of Education and Science should issue guidance to local authorities on grants for students obtaining places at recognized drama schools, including post-graduate courses; and that Equity should grant automatic union membership to students from recognized schools who successfully complete their courses, as soon as they are offered a job.

"We are trying to ensure", Mr Barnes said, "that those entering the profession do so with the best possible chance of success". The proposals would not mean an end to the traditional means of entering the profesison.

Going on the Stage (Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, 98 Portland Place, London W1N 4ET. £1).

rmer V-bomber pilot had to memorize secret information, court is told

ohn Chartres

yal Air Force V-bomber told a crown court jury yesterday that he and sed former RAF officer studied and memorized secret information as res in time of war, tar- y might be ordered to routes to targets and my defences they were encounter.

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ross-examination, Mr Comyn suggested that much of the technical information about the Vulcan bomber was public knowledge. He produced copies of the magazine *Air Pictorial* and of the *Observer's Book of British Aircraft*, both of which contained many technical details.

Flight Lieutenant Woolford declined to comment in open court on the accuracy of the information in the books and said he had no knowledge of an incident referred to by Mr Comyn of a Vulcan bomber at Waddington being found one morning with "Up Manchester United" painted on it.

Det Chief Supt Eric Evans, head of the North Wales CID, said earlier that after detaining Mr Steadman in Anglesey in March Mr Steadman at first maintained that he had visited the Soviet Consulate in London only to try to obtain a visa for a holiday.

Later, however, he admitted orally and in a written statement that he had been willing to divulge any information he had to the Russians "if the price was right".

Mr Steadman's alleged written statement, read to the jury, said that he possessed information of great value, including strategic war plans, navigation techniques and details of weapons and missiles. He had become desperate because nobody appeared to want his services after he resigned his RAF commission in a mood of bitterness last August.

The Russian official he met at the consulate on February 25 did not "seem very keen" and thought his information might be out of date, the alleged statement said.

Although evidence by Ministry of Defence intelligence officers relating to Mr Steadman's arrest was given in camera on Monday, Mr Evans told the jury in open court yesterday that Mr Steadman had admitted making a telephone call to the consulate from a coin box near his cottage at Rhosybol, saying he wanted to get in touch with the Russian secret service.

Evidence was also read in open court from Det Sergeant Eric Ellis, a Special Branch officer at Holyhead harbour, who received instructions to keep observation on the arrival of the London to Holyhead train on the day Mr Steadman had visited the consulate. His evidence said that he saw a man he now knew to be Mr Steadman alight and although he could not approach him because of the crowd of passengers he later saw him driving away a car and took its registration number.

Mr Evans said he interviewed Mr Steadman first on the morning after he had made the second of two further telephone calls to the consulate.

In his alleged statements Mr Steadman had said that when he visited the consulate in Kensington Palace Gardens he had approached by a roundabout route and at first could not get a reply when he pressed a buzzer on the door. He went to a telephone box nearby, rang the consulate and was later admitted through an electronic control. The middle aged, grey haired officials he met after a long wait had suggested his information was out of date.

Mr Steadman had said he had served in the V-force for five years and tactics had not changed in that time.

The hearing continues today.

Journalists want state aid for ailing newspapers

By Christopher Thomas

The National Union of Journalists told the Royal Commission on the Press yesterday that it favoured government intervention to help ailing newspapers. Mr Kenneth Morgan, NUJ general secretary, said: "For many years most interests in the newspaper industry have believed that government intervention is a bad thing. We no longer think that argument will serve."

Britain alone of democratic countries did not offer national help to ensure the survival of newspapers and the opportunity to launch new ones. "That help no longer necessarily means newspapers will become the prisoners of government. The press has a particular role in democracy and the nation has some responsibility to create conditions in which the press can discharge that role adequately."

He said the Government could set up a national agency to take over printing operations that were no longer needed, such as the Glasgow plant of the *Scottish Daily Express*. They could be leased to anybody to start a publication.

The union rejected the idea of an advertising revenue board to channel revenue from prosperous to poor publications. On 1973 figures, it would control more than £500m a year and would "throw the whole advertising operation into a state of confusion". It might also reduce the competition incentive.

The union criticized governments for failing to consider the survival of journals when placing advertisements. Mr Morgan said: "A number of European governments have used placing of their advertising to try to redress the imbalance of commercial advertising going to the least needy quarter."

The union emphasized that the survival of newspapers was more important than keeping a proper balance between editorial and advertising content, but recommended that a ratio of 60-40 in favour of news should be imposed legally. Post Office regulations specify 70-30.

Mr George Viner, NUJ research officer, said many journalists on periodicals and weekly newspapers felt that their publications were at times saturated with advertisements to the detriment of editorial quality.

Plan rejected: A "Robin Hood" exercise in newspaper advertising, taking revenue from the rich to help the poor, was rejected by Mr C. N. D. Cole, managing director and chief executive of Thomson Regional Newspapers.

It had been suggested to the commission that revenue could be transferred from financially strong publications, catering for a readership attractive to advertisers, to their weaker competitors.

But Mr Cole said that provincial newspapers in a normal cycle had boom years in which they were more successful. Thus they built up their resources and were able to commit themselves to investment.

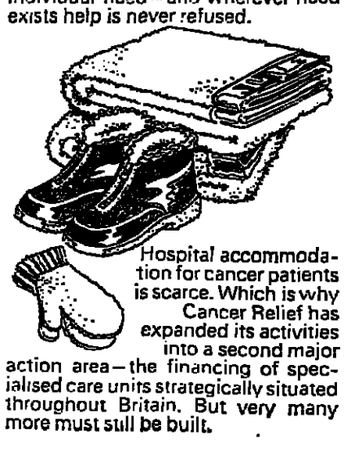
When that cycle took a downturn there was remarkably little retrenchment in the newspapers. If, at the peak of an economic cycle, successful newspapers had revenue creamed off, they would be prevented from building up their resources.

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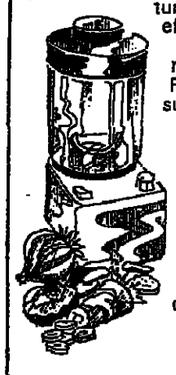


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Bomb type used in Guildford raid described to jury

The jury in the Central Criminal Court bombs murder trial was given a detailed lesson in bomb-making yesterday. Mr Donald Lidstone, an explosives expert, showed a pocket watch and described how two wires would be attached to make up a bombing device similar to the one used in the explosion that killed five at the Horse and Groom public house in Guildford.

Mr Lidstone said the bomb could be set to go off using either the minute hand or the hour hand. It was a matter of nerve how closely the bomber set the timing.

A pocket watch device would be more suitable than an alarm clock when bombing a public house. "Clearly you wouldn't want a loud ticking alarm clock if people were going to be sitting close to the device and that's probably why a pocket watch was used", he said.

Before the court were Paul Michael Hill, aged 29, Carole Richardson, aged 17, Gerard Conlon, aged 20, and Patrick Armstrong, aged 24, all accused of murdering five people in a bomb explosion at the Horse and Groom, of bombing the Seven Stars public house in the same town and of conspiring to cause explosions.

Mr Hill and Mr Armstrong are accused of murdering two men in the King's Arms explosion at Woolwich. Mr Armstrong is accused of conspiracy to murder them. All plead not guilty to all charges.

Mr Lidstone, who is based at Woolwich Arsenal, said he had studied statements said to have been made by the four defendants and found the bomb-making details to be consistent with IRA bomb tactics.

He showed the jury a dummy black detonator fitted with a five second fuse, similar to the device used in the Woolwich bomb. He said the Horse and Groom bomb did not have any fragmentation devices, but in the explosion there was a massive projection of splintered pieces from the wooden bench, tables and chairs.

Det-Sergeant Richard Jermey, of Walton CID, Surrey, denied that while Mr Hill was in a cell a police officer had gone in holding a gun. He also denied calling Mr Hill a "fly monkey" and that police officers had threatened to charge Mr Hill's girlfriend if he kept denying his involvement in the Guildford bombings.

Answering Lord Wigoder, QC, for the defence, Sergeant Jermey denied suggestions that Mr Conlon was slapped in the kidneys or that his testicles were squeezed.

Lord Wigoder went on to suggest that Mr Conlon was practically in tears and terrified of threats made against his family. Sergeant Jermey denied that, saying no threats were made either of a physical or mental nature.

Earlier there was an outburst from the dock when Mr Conlon accused Sergeant Jermey of being a liar. Mr Conlon was restrained by officials. Sergeant Jermey said he had been telling the truth.

Lord Wigoder asked if Sergeant Jermey knew Mr Conlon had been hit by RUC officers before Sergeant Jermey saw him in Belfast.

Sergeant Jermey said he did not. He described as ridiculous a suggestion that he or one of the Belfast police officers proceeded to cuff Mr Conlon.

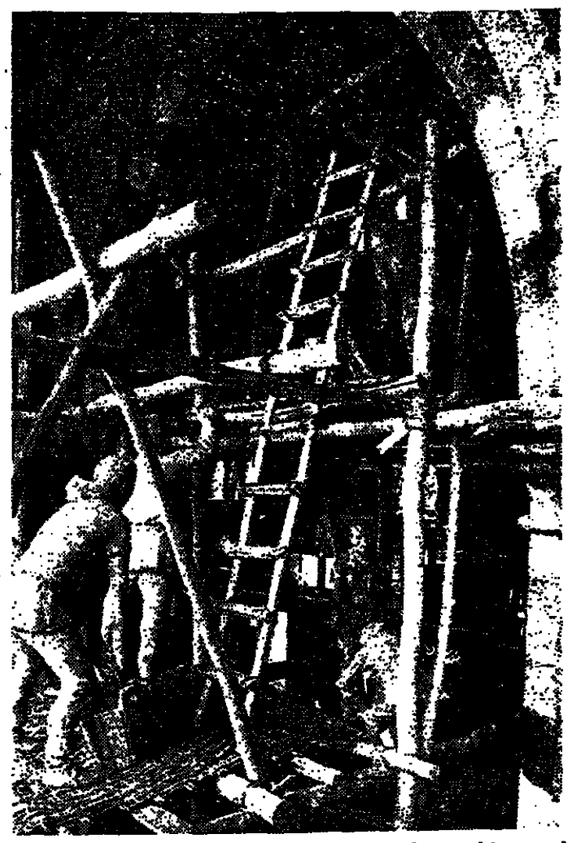
Lord Wigoder continued: "On the journey to the airport did one of the Irish officers say something about throwing Mr Conlon out to a Protestant crowd on the Shankill Road?" Sergeant Jermey replied: "No, he did not".

Asked if another detective seized Mr Conlon by the hair, Sergeant Jermey said nothing like that had happened. "Did this detective punch Mr Conlon in the ribs and generally try to 'behave like a wild man'?" Lord Wigoder asked. "Nothing like this occurred", Sergeant Jermey said.

Sergeant Jermey denied that police had dictated incriminating sentences for Mr Conlon to include in a statement, or that Mr Conlon had written a statement because he was terrified about threats to his family.

Sergeant Jermey also denied that he had made up part of Mr Conlon's statement which referred to him being afraid of getting a "head job" if he did not take part in the Guildford raid.

The trial continues today.



Medieval artisans at work: a tableau in the Architectural Heritage Centre at Castlegate, York, which opened yesterday. A redundant church has been converted to house exhibits illustrating York's history.

Mr Short in Scotland for talks on devolution

From a Staff Reporter
Edinburgh

Mr Short, Lord President of the Council and the senior minister responsible for the Government's devolution policy, began a two-day visit to Scotland yesterday. He inspected the site of the proposed Scottish Assembly at the Royal High School in Regent Road, Edinburgh, and disclosed that the White Paper detailing the Government's devolution plans was to be published in November, a month later than expected.

"It is a very long and detailed paper and when it comes out people will appreciate why it has taken so long", he said. "It will be the first time that the whole subject has been set out in detail. So far, we have talked about the idea of devolution but no one has set it out".

Mr Short said he was impressed by the old Royal High building, but added that it would require many changes, calling for ingenuity on the part of the architects. He did not admire the present circular assembly hall, which he thought would be alien to parliamentary tradition in Britain. The hall would have to be altered.

His talks earlier in the day at the Scottish Office, he said, had been about "the nuts and bolts" of devolution. He had no plans to meet representatives of the Scottish Conservative Party or the Scottish National Party on his present visit, although he would be happy to meet them at some future date.

In the evening, Mr Short met the policy committee of the Labour Party's Scottish Council in Glasgow. A party official said the minister would continue discussions already held with Scottish MPs and the party in Scotland about devolution.

Much doubt still remains that the devolution timetable can be met, in view of the amount of business awaiting the next session of Parliament.

Mr Short is to meet the Scottish TUC in Glasgow today before returning to London.

Centre-left likely to rule Finland again

From Our Correspondent
Helsinki, Sept 23

The results of Finland's general election brought only slight changes in the balance between the left and the non-left parties. The non-left parties won 106 seats against 94 of the left. In 1972 the respective figures were 107 and 93. However the centre groups have become stronger than ever with a total of 68 seats in a Parliament of 200.

Negotiations for a new coalition government can be long and arduous. Much will depend on what the caretaker Government of civil servants led by Mr Keijo Liinamaa will do during the next few weeks.

It is generally believed it will present a tough budget and perhaps other economic measures to combat the 17 per cent inflation and the huge trade deficit, which reached £700m in August.

Clearing the way for a political government by taking the necessary measures, could make the forming of a coalition easier than previously expected. The task will presumably again fall to the Social Democrats and centrist groups, who were the main partners in the coalition that fell in June.

A right of centre government is believed to be out of the question because the cooperation of at least the Social Democrats in Parliament and in the trade union movement is needed to assure general support for tough economic measures.

The Communists cannot agree to end their internal feud between their revisionist wing led by Mr Aarne Saarinen and the Stalinists led by Mr Taisto Sinisalo, who put forward conditions considered to be too radical by other parties and thus excluding the party from any possible coalition.

The election turn out was of 73.6 per cent, the lowest figure since the war and 9 per cent below 1972.

This is seen as the main reason for the gain of 2 per cent by the Communist Party, which is traditionally able to get its supporters to the polls

The Social Democrats lost two mandates but they remained the biggest party with 54 seats and 25 per cent of the votes. The Communists are now the second biggest party with 40 seats, three more than previously.

Respite for hostage of Chad guerrillas

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Sept 23

The death threat to Mme Françoise Claustre, the French Ethnologist held by the Toubou guerrillas in the Tibesti desert of Chad, has not been carried out.

The deadline set by Mr Hissen Habre, the rebel leader, that she would be killed at 10 am today if a ransom in cash and in kind were not paid by the French Government, passed without the action being taken, thanks to the negotiations conducted in the past three days under the direct supervision of President Giscard d'Estaing.

This does not mean that Mme Claustre is definitely out of danger. "Contacts for her liberation are still being carried out, and a new meeting has set for this week", the Elysée spokesman declared today.

However, the Ministry for Cooperation said that there was no certainty whatever about the ultimate fate of the French ethnologist.

Negotiations between the Elysée Palace and the guerrilla leader are being conducted by radio via a French aircraft which is flying over the guerrilla's hadquarters at regular intervals.

According to reports, there is a senior French Air Force officer on board whose job is to ensure that contact between the Elysée Palace and the rebel leader is maintained.

The reports, which would not be confirmed, claimed that transport aircraft have already been loaded with several tons of stores ready to take off for the Tibesti desert, in accordance with the French Government's earlier agreement with Mr Hissen Habre, to provide a part of Mme Claustre's 10m francs ransom in non-military supplies, and the rest in cash.

The Chad Government shows increasing exasperation with what it regards as French encroachment on its sovereignty through the comings and goings between France and the guerrilla dominated regions and its exclusion from the latest phase of direct negotiations with Mr Hissen Habre.

Last night, it forbade French troops to leave their bases at Ndjamena, the capital, and at Sahr (formerly Fort Archambault) in the southern part of the country. The raking off and landing of any aircraft from the Sahr base were stopped and the troops ordered to be transferred to the base at Ndjamena.

The Chad Government had reason to suspect, as *Le Monde* points out today, that the aircraft through which radio contact has been maintained between the guerrilla leader and Paris has been taking off from Sahr.

There was some confusion yesterday evening at Roissy airport, when 45 French experts were about to leave for Chad. M Stephane Hessel, a senior official of the Ministry for Cooperation, who conducted the earlier phase of the negotiations with the Toubou guerrilla leader, went out to the airport to advise them not to leave for the time being.

Thirty-one of them, who had contracts with the Chad Government, refused to heed his advice and took off for Ndjamena. Fourteen decided to stay behind. A group of French military personnel who were posted to Chad flew out yesterday, the Ministry for Cooperation said.

Invading gnomes prove to be mythical

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, Sept 23

Exhaustive inquiries by *The Times* office in Bonn finally established today that West Germany was never threatened by an invasion of a quarter of a million garden gnomes after all.

As with most international misunderstandings, it is best to unravel the mystery of the phantom invasion by starting as near the beginning as possible.

Last month, the East German Communist Party organ *Das Volk*, published in Erfurt, proudly printed an item reporting that a factory near by had exported 250,000 garden gnomes to the West.

This was picked up by the West German media just as a dispute broke out about the dumping of cheap clothing in West Germany by the East Germans. The issue of garden gnome dumping, especially on such a scale (enough for a whole army group of horticultural dwarfs), was thus not only tailor-made for the silly season, as many a West German editor and television producer gratefully recognized, but highly topical as well.

Then the German-language service of Moscow radio took a hand in the matter. It launched a blistering attack on Baron Olaf von Wrangel, Opposition Chief Whip in the Bonn Parliament. He was accused of using the garden gnome scare to further his "dislike of détent".

The Moscow broadcaster claimed: "He announced, not an invasion by Russian tanks or other Warsaw Pact troops, but by garden gnomes made in East Germany.

"He said in all seriousness that the bearded little people with nightcaps are threatening to conquer the West German market and that this is a serious danger which must be averted.

"The astounding change in the daily agitation propaganda carried on by this Christian Democrat politician is explained by the fact that on this occasion Herr von Wrangel did not make his speech in the Bundestag, but to the Association of Federal German Garden Gnome Manufacturers in Ahrensburg, near Hamburg."

It was at this point that *The Times* undertook a far-reaching investigation. There were many obstacles.

While Baron von Wrangel was a model of amused patience, somebody at the Federal Ministry of Agriculture wanted to know (roughly translated) why the devil *The Times*, if it was *The Times*, should ring them to find out whether they knew anything about the garden gnome business.

It eventually became clear that there was, sadly, no such thing as the "Association of Federal German Garden Gnome Manufacturers". I learnt this from West Germany's (and the world's) largest producer of these leprechauns, the firm of Heissner, of Lauterbach in Hesse. They told me that their northern agent operated from Ahrensburg. It was then that sufficient light appeared at the end of the tunnel to be able to discern the phantom gnome at the end of the garden.

It was the baron himself who today, shortly after returning from a journey to America for the reassembly of the Bundestag, finally cleared up the mystery.

"I never made a speech at all", he said. "I was asked about garden gnome dumping at a press conference in Ahrensburg, which is in the area I represent, and I daresay I made a few joking remarks. I can certainly remember saying that the garden gnome trade should not be regarded as a symbol of inter-German relations." This rather knocks Moscow radio's anti-détente angle.

The Heissner company told me that the East German garden gnome factory in question had belonged to them before the war, and that it had used some old moulds to make a huge quantity of gnomes for sale abroad.

"We do not regard the East Germans as serious competition now", a spokesman said. "Their export effort died down about 18 months ago, and our gnomes are far superior anyway."

Accused MP attacks police costs on case

By Michael Horsnell

Mr John Stonehouse, MP, who was recently granted legal aid to defend himself against 21 charges involving £170,000, yesterday described the money spent by Scotland Yard on his case as a national scandal.

Speaking in London, he said he would call for a public inquiry into "the waste of resources spent in pursuing this case".

Mr Stonehouse said that had he been warned in Australia that charges were being contemplated he would have returned to Britain at his own expense, but Scotland Yard officers who flew there on no occasion attempted to interview him. He was speaking, he said, in response to an attack in one national newspaper on his successful application for legal aid.

He had no money in Britain, he said, and only perhaps $50 in Australia and he made it clear he might seek legal aid to fight civil proceedings now pending. Legal aid in Britain was "a very valuable institution".

Mr Stonehouse spent £35 hiring a room in the Howard Hotel to speak. He said he had done so because people were entitled to hear his side of the story.

Mrs Sheila Buckley, his secretary, he said, had been interviwed by police in Exeter in January. No indication of charges was given and the police did not object to her leaving Britain. Then, without warning, she was arrested in Australia.

"If we had been given any warning that charges were being contemplated against us we would have returned to Britain under our own steam, at our own expense", Mr Stonehouse said. Instead, the expense of the extradition proceedings which followed and the police escort to Britain were incurred.

Mr Michael O'Dell, his solicitor, said that a full inquiry had been made by the authorities into Mr Stonehouse's means before legal aid on the present charges was granted. He said that those inquiries would continue and that "the judge has very full powers to require a contribution".

Mr Stonehouse said of his parliamentary salary, which he is still receiving: "When one is involved in an issue of this character there are enormous expenses which have to be paid for". He produced a telephone bill for £444 as an example.

He referred to Mr Peter Hain, president of the Young Liberals, who at the Liberal Assembly criticized the granting of legal aid to him when moving a resolution urging that legal aid and advice should be a social service. Mr Stonehouse said he agreed with the resolution but was distressed at Mr Hain's "lamentable lack of understanding" of the facts of his case.

'Gold top' milk to go up 1½p

"Gold top" milk, which has thicker cream than ordinary milk, is to go up by 1½p a pint when milk prices rise soon, the Ministry of Agriculture announced yesterday. Ordinary milk will cost 1p more.

An official said the extra ½p had been allowed after pressure from the Milk Marketing Board and other trade bodies.

The increases, expected in November, are not connected with appeals from farmers for further price rises. That campaign continued yesterday when Welsh members of the National Farmers' Union saw Mr Morris, Secretary of State for Wales, in London.

They sought an increase in the price of milk and asked for payment of hill farming subsidies to be advanced.

Meanwhile the National Federation of Meat Traders, which represents many independent butchers, condemned a government scheme for lists comparing food prices in local shopping parades. It said the scheme might cost as much as £1.4m in grants to local authorities.

The federation said that warnings by the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection, which had originated the scheme, against collusion between shopkeepers and compilers in producing lists to be posted each week in public buildings, might prove ineffective.

Bogus viscount gave false passport details

Police became suspicious when they saw a reference in a local newspaper to "Viscount de Witte, the well-known Scottish technologist who is Scottish by birth in spite of his Dutch title", it was said at Cupar Sheriff Court, Fife, yesterday.

The "viscount" was Ernest Spencer, aged 47, of Haldane House, Bogside, Fife, who pleaded guilty to giving false particulars to obtain a passport and describing himself as a viscount when registering the birth of his daughter.

Sheriff John McInnes adjourned the case until October 7 for psychiatric and background reports.

Mr Eric Galt, for the prosecution, said Mr Spencer had made extravagant and extraordinary claims about himself and his antecedents. Inquiries after the newspaper report revealed that he was an undischarged bankrupt.

Mr Alexander Eccles, for Mr Spencer, said: "He is aware that there is some psychiatric disorder of some sort and it would be his intention to get treatment for this."

Woman accused of inciting Ulster troops

From Our Correspondent
Manchester

A woman was accused at Manchester City Magistrates' Court yesterday of attempting to incite British soldiers in Northern Ireland to desert. Alix Mary Otten, aged 26, of Hamilton Road, Longside, Manchester, was summoned under the Incitement of Disaffection Act, 1934.

The committal hearing was adjourned until November 18 after Mrs Otten said that the court had set aside only one day for a matter that was going to take two days. Asking for reporting restrictions to be lifted, Mrs Otten, who spoke on her own behalf although she had been granted legal aid, said: "This is going to be a difficult case for me and I will be calling about seven witnesses".

Silent pickets surrounded the entrance to the court, handing out leaflets. Some carried placards demanding the withdrawal of troops from Northern Ireland.

Government loses on conscience clause

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster.

A clause to allow an employee to refuse to join a trade union because of conscientious objection, was inserted yesterday in the Employment Protection Bill during its committee stage in the Lords.

The Bill as it stood allowed opting out only on the ground of religious belief. A Liberal amendment with Conservative support, widening the ground for objection, was carried against the Government by 121 votes to 54.

Lady Robson of Kiddington, moving the amendment from the Liberal benches, said she had no sympathy with people who refusing to join a union because they did not want to paythe dues wjile seeking to benefit from union rights and privileges.

She believed in 100 per cent union membership, but that should be on a voluntary basis. "Conscience" included religious belief.

From the Conservative front bench, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone said it must be right to insert the word "conscience" into the statute. He pointed out that article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights, by which Britain was bound, gave everyone the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

From the Government front bench, Lord Jacques aid that religious believers were a clearly recognized class. The Government felt that that group could be realistically defined, but there was no clarity about the definition of conscience.

The European convention provided for freedom of conscience, Lord Jacques said. But nobody was compelled to work in a job where his conscience might be put to the test, so long as a law did not make closed shops obligarory.

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Commercial rent disputes almost doubled

By Our Estates Correspondent

Confusion in the rented commercial property market is reflected in a nine-tenths increase in the number of rent reviews referred to independent arbitrators or valuers in the first eight months of this year, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors', arbitration service.

Up to August, its members had been appointed to serve in an independent capacity in 1,074 cases, compared with 804 for the whole of 1974, 498 in 1973, and 760 in 1972, the RICS said yesterday. Most had been for shop and office accommodation on long leases.

Mr Tony Goodens, chairman of the institution's commercial property management committee, commented yesterday that the rise in rent disputes was directly attributable to the fall in rent levels over the past 12 months. Landlords, appeared to be expecting 1973 returns, which they missed by agreeing to the last rent reviews before the boom period, he said.

"Tenants, particularly those in smaller lettings already facing all manner of cash problems, are arguing for lower rents on the basis of depressed values. In most cases the arbitrator is called in by the landlord in the hope that he will support his case for a higher rent."

Burglar broke cathedral glass

When James Berg, aged 30, broke into Gloucester Cathedral he smashed a priceless 30 feet stained-glass window, it was said at Gloucester Crown Court yesterday. It was the seventh time he had broken into the building.

Mr Berg, of London Road, Gloucester, was remanded in custody for medical reports after he admitted burglary and damaging two offertory boxes and the window, which was made in 1460.

Briton drowned

Heraklion, Crete, Sept 23.—Mr Norman Johannes, aged 45, an accountant from London, drowned while swimming at Malia, north-eastern Crete.

Talks on 'Republica'

From Michael Knipe
Lisbon, Sept 23

Portugal's new Government comprising Socialists, Popular Democrats, Communists and military officers, met for the first time today. Among its first tasks was to decide the fate of the formerly Socialist controlled newspaper *Republica* and the formerly Catholic-controlled radio station Radio Renascença.

A condition of the Socialist Party's participation in the Government was the return of the newspaper and radio station to their original management. Both were taken over by Communist-dominated workers' committees last May, causing the Socialists to withdraw in July from the Gonçalves Government

The respective workers' groups have indicated that they will resist any decision to remove them from their control.

Dr Almeida Santos, the newly appointed Minister of Information, has denied making any decision on the matter. Because of its importance, he said, it would be dealt with either by the Revolutionary Council or by the Government.

It seems inconceivable that the Communist Party will back down and acquiesce in the Socialist Party's demand.

Britain told it must sell some North Sea oil

From David Cross
Luxembourg, Sept 23

No matter how strongly the British feel about retaining control over their North Sea oil, they will have to sell a large proportion of it to customers overseas at remunerative prices, Mr Henri Simonet, the European Commissioner for Energy, said today.

"I do not understand", he told members of the European Parliament in Luxembourg, "what benefit our British friends would get from sitting on the treasure they have found because they are living in an open economy". The extraction of North Sea oil involved enormous costs and in Britain's present and likely future economic situation the country would have to rely on a guaranteed external market, he added.

Mr Simonet was responding to tough statements from British Labour and Scottish Nationalist MPs asserting that Britain had no intention of relinquishing its sovereignty over its indigenous energy sources. The three-hour debate was meant to deal with the European Community's overall oil policy, but with a representative cross-section of British MPs present it quickly developed into a Westminster-style debate on North Sea oil.

Mr William Hamilton (Labour, Fife, Central) went so far as to claim that the present British Government would block all EEC energy plans which threatened its national interests. The British were in a strong bargaining position with their oil and would make concessions no more willingly than other EEC member states would on what he called the absurdities of the common agricultural policy.

Mrs Winifred Ewing (Scottish Nationalist, Moray and Nairn) also made it clear that she was not totally convinced by EEC assurances that North Sea oil would remain under the control of Britain or any future Scottish government if this came to be elected. Since the EEC referendum there had been an upsurge of good will towards the Community in Britain, but this might quickly be dissipated if the Community interfered, she said.

It will be interesting to see how long the patience of other European MPs will endure House of Commons wrangles on such topics as oil and regional devolution. A similar tendency which developed among West German MPs of different political persuasions a while ago was quietly shelved after the tolerance of their colleagues from other countries had been strained to breaking point.

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Foreign journalists make protest in Madrid

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Sept 23

The Association of Foreign Correspondent in Spain today protested to Señor Herrera, the Minister of Information and Tourism, about the way journalists were treated by the police yesterday at a press conference called by seven French intellectuals challenging the death sentences on 11 Spaniards convicted as terrorists.

Yves Montand, the French actor, and the six others were expelled from Spain immediately and about 25 journalists were detained and handcuffed until their identities had been checked.

All but nine of the journalists were released after about an hour. The others were taken to headquarters of the security police and held for a longer period. A girl working for a national news agency was still behind bars this afternoon.

The association issued a statement about "the manner in which journalists, who were doing their job of seeking out information at the news conference, were treated". It also asked Señor Herrera to bring the protest to the attention of Señor Hernandez, the Minister of the Interior.

Geneva, Sept 23.—The International Commission of Jurists today sent a telegram to the Spanish Government urging clemency for the 11 under sentence of death.—Reuter.

Cornwall seeks EEC aid

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Sept 23

A Cornish delegation made its first direct contact with the EEC bureaucracy today in an attempt to discover in what ways the Community might be able to assist their corner of the British Isles. The group was led by Dr T. Thorneycroft, chairman of the Cornwall Industrial Development Association.

The delegation began two days of talks with EEC officials administering the regional and social funds, which are designed to finance the development of Europe's backward areas and to promote such programmes as the retraining of workers in declining industries.

The timing of the Cornish visit was somewhat unfortunate. The delegation arrived yesterday evening at about the same time as the EEC's finance ministers were agreeing on substantial cuts in the budgetary allocations for social and regional funds in 1976.

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Alan McGregor
a, Sept 23
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Remarking that it was the fourth time he had served as chairman in military working group meetings, General Siilasvuo said: "In spite of the deep suspicion and misunderstanding that make the road to peace in the Middle East rather rocky, I have witnessed throughout that basic human wish to communicate with each other, which is the only basis for mutual trust and confidence.

"As you return to your capitals, I hope you have bee nable to obtain a better understanding of each other. I can assure you that I and my colleagues will cherish the memory of the friendship we have come to appreciate in these two weeks."

As he left the Palais des Nations, Mr Mordecai Gazit, Israel's chief negotiator, said his signature would certainly be added to the text and maps, though he could not yet say where this would be done.

"We are definitely satisfied", he said. "We how have a solid document. It was a lot of work and difficult at times."

There is said to be a secret annex to the protocol in which Egypt agrees to limit to 7,500 the number of civilians in the Sinai territory being returned to it.

The United Nations emergency force, whose strength is being raised from 3,900 to 4,500, will be responsible for policing a much large buffer zone and for supervising the demilitarized character of the Abu Rudeis oilfields area, which will be under Egyptian civil administration.

The handover of the oilfields aid installations is to start within two weeks of the protocol being signed.



The moment the shot rang out: President Ford hears it as he leaves the St Francis hotel and ducks down behind a parked car.

Psychiatrist to see 'radical' who was FBI informer

Double life of compulsive woman conspirator mistrusted by the revolutionary left

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Sept 23

Miss Sara Jane Moore, who has been charged with attempting to assassinate President Ford, has been given legal aid and sent for a psychiatric examination. She has had her bail set at $550,000 (£260,000). She is a new addition to the crowded gallery of American assassins and would-be assassins, quite different from the rest of them but just as difficult to explain.

She is 45 years old, divorced (her married name was Aalberg) with a nine-year-old son, Frederick. Pink-cheeked, middle-class and middle-aged, she is an accountant by profession, a woman whose standard of living had dropped sharply after her divorce, well-educated, garrulous and apparently harmless.

She was also an informer for the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and spent the past two years in a sustained attempt to infiltrate the California netherworld of far left and violent politics. She wheedled herself into the confidence of the Hearst family and was one of the many channels of communication between them and those who held and hid Miss Patricia Hearst.

The radicals, as they are known in America, never trusted her completely. She told them at one point that she had become converted to their cause and would henceforward be an honest member of the movement and sever her connexions with the FBI. She told the FBI the same thing, but it is reported that she kept in touch, a compulsive conspirator, working both sides of the track.

The type is familiar, to both sides. One of the radical groups she was involved with was the United Prisoners' Union. She once lent her car to its leader, Mr Wilbur "Popeye" Jackson, and he wrecked it. Mr Steven Weed, who was Miss Hearst's fiance until her kidnapping, gave her $500 for repairs. Mr Jackson was later killed in a mysterious shooting.

Miss Moore was drawn into the Hearst circle over the food distribution programme last year. The Symbionese Liberation Army had demanded that $5m in foodstuffs should be distributed to the California poor in ransom for Miss Hearst. The programme turned into another California disaster.

It was a farce and a scandal and cost the Hearsts $2m before it was called off. Miss Moore, as an accountant, helped the family to escape from the ruins, and kept up her contacts with them, particularly with Mrs Hearst.

One of the many reporters who interviewed her over the past 18 months comments today that Miss Moore may tell more abEut the SLA than Miss Hearst will. He describes her as compulsively loquacious, constantly afraid of guns, fearing murder and drawing her sense of self and self-importance from her association with the radical left.

She told him that she believed in socialism and that when her friends said that they would change the world by violence, they meant it. This is the only possible clue that has emerged so far to explain what might have led her to try to shoot Mr Ford.

She is thus totally different from Miss Lynette Fromme, who tried to shoot Mr Ford on September 5. The Manson "family" are anarchists, mystics, pathological killers, and if they have a philosophy it is racist and dictatorial.

Miss Morre would seem to have more in common with Lee Harvey Oswald, another failed communist whose familty life had d sintegrated. From another agnle, she may be thought oo have something in common with Miss Hearst, as a woman who abandoned her family background and found fulfilment in the delights of violent revolution.

The difference is that, according to the reporters who knew her, she told them that she wanted Miss Hearst to return to her parents because she disapproved of child stealing. miss Moore, whatever she belongs to, does not belong to the youth culture.

Peter Hazelhurst writes from Tokyo:

The latest attempt on President Ford's life has horrified Japanese Government officials who have the frightening task of protecting Emperor Hirohito during his 15-day visit to the United States next month. There have been reports that the fanatical Japanese Red Army is planning to assassinate him.

The Emperor, who is normally kept aloof from the public in Japan because he is still regarded as a demigod, is expected to make a number of public appearances in the United States, but officials indicated today that the proposed programme might be curtailed because of the laxness of security in the United States.

An official of the Japanese Foreign Office said the Government was confident that the American security forces were capable of protecting the Emperor. This statement of confidence was qualified, however, by the comment: "It is true that the repeated attempts on President Ford's life give the Japanese some extra measure of concern."

The official affirmed that the visit would go ahead despite the incident in San Francisco. He said: "We cannot compare the situation. President Ford is forced to expose himself to the public because of next year's presidential elections. The Emperor does not face that risk in America."

Attempts on Mr Ford may change gun laws

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other things, an FBI informer with extensive contacts in the radical underworld in California, which is heavily armed.

She added that on her way into town yesterday she drove along the freeway loading the pistol as she went, and she claimed that she had hoped she would be stopped.

The first of this month's assassination attempts took place in Sacramento, about 100 miles from San Francisco, on September 5. Mr Ford was walking in the grounds of the state capitol through a small crowd when Miss Lynette Fromme, a member of the "Manson family", pointed a .45 automatic at him.

When she was being held up against a tree afterwards, she shouted "It didn't go off". Knowing less about weapons than Miss Moore, she had forgotten to cock it.

A less clear-cut case of attempted, or planned assassination occurred in St Louis, Missouri on September 12. Just before the President was to make a speech in an auditorium there, a policeman inspecting a catwalk overhead saw a man with a pistol. He gave chase, but failed to catch him.

Supporters of gun control legislation hope that even at this late hour the attempted assassinations may win them some converts. Members of Congress, like others, wonder why Miss Moore was checked by the police and had an automatic taken away from her, and was then allowed to take a pot shot at the President the next day.

Under Californian law, owning a gun requires a permit. Possessing a concealed gun without one, however, is merely a misdemeanour, not a criminal offence, unless it is loaded.

Police specialists believe that assassinations are catching. Perhaps Miss Moore got the idea from Miss Fromme.

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untdown for Sinai troop thdrawal starts

Our Correspondent
viv, Sept 23

countdown for the Israel rawal in Sinai in accord- with the interim agree- with Egypt has begun, will be halted in a fort- unless the United States ess approves the station- f civilians at early warn- ations in the desert and Egyptians permit Israel s to pass through the Canal.

interim agreement, on September 4, pro- that implementation is to two weeks after a proto- signed. The Egyptians the protocol in Geneva but the Israelis only led it and withheld their ignature pending a deci- by Congress. They main- that the American pre- in Sinai was an integral f the agreement and the pact could not go into effect before congressional approval.

If Congress does give its approval, the Israelis will sign the protocol at once and the agreement will enter into force. But instead of reckoning the timetable for implementation from that date, it will be calculated from the time the agreement was initialled.

The first step in the implementation is to be the arrival of Egyptian technicians, or European associates, at Abu Rudeis on October 6 to make arrangements for the transfer of the oilfields and installations. However, the Israelis have also made the start of the implementation dependent on Egypt's honouring an unfulfilled obligation from last year's separation of forces agreement. This provides for the passage of Israel cargoes through the Suez Canal in foreign ships.

Soviet Union proposes new ban on weapons

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Sept 23

Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, today proposed the signing of a treaty banning the development of new types and systems of weapons of mass destruction in a speech to the United Nations.

Such a treaty, he said, would not impede economic, scientific and technical developments in the states signing it. It would be designed to prevent the misuse of science and technology, and would be a major contribution to the cause of limiting the arms race.

This is the second disarmament proposal that the Russians have made to the general assembly this month. Earlier, they proposed a treaty on the prohibition of all nuclear weapons tests. It received a cool reception, except from the Chinese, who denounced it vigorously.

This latest proposal may well be received in the same spirit. The Western countries, at least, regard such proposals as primarily exercises in propaganda. The first reactions today were to ask how a new weapon or weapons system could be defined.

The Russians, however, are expected to pursue their idea through this autumn's General Assembly. Mr Gromyko has submitted a draft for a new treaty which provides for complaints to the Security Council if there is a suspicion that any country is violating the provisions. The council would then be empowered to investigate. There is no other provision for external inspection.

British Plan: Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, announced new British proposals for preventing the spread of nuclear weapons. In his speech to the United Nations, he suggested ways in which the international community could prevent nucear material from civil plants being converted for military use.

All United Nations members should make a solemn affirmation that they would not do so; there should be a common system of international inspection carried out by the International Atomic Energy Agency, which should include all civil nuclear materials and facilities; the agency should assume responsibility for the inspection of enrichment and processing plants, in addition to its present task of safeguarding nuclear reactors; and a new set of common rules should be adopted that was based on monitoring nuclear material and accounting for its use at all stages through the life of the fuel.

Earlier Mr Callaghan had outlined the dangers that could arise from the conversion of civil nuclear material to military use.

At present, he said, only the five nuclear weapons states, America, Russia, China, Britain and France, possessed uranium enrichment and reprocessing plants.

Other countries were now considering ordering such plants, however. Once they did, they would be able to produce weapons material that would be enough for several thousand nuclear weapons a year.

Miss Hearst 'too fragile' for cross-examination

From Peter Strafford
New York, Sept 23

A federal judge in San Francisico today appointed three psychiatrists to decide whether Miss Patricia Hearst, the newspaper heiress arrested on Thursday, is mentally able to stand cross-examination from the prosecution over the request for bail.

Miss Hearst was refused bail on Friday by Judge Oliver Carter. But her lawyers made a new request for it today and submitted an affidavit signed by her to the court.

The affidavit was an attempt to save Miss Hearst from being cross-examined on her intentions. It was hoped that by not having her stand up and give evidence in court herself, the case for cross-examination would be avoided.

But the prosecution insisted on the right of cross-examination, and Judge Carter said that Miss Hearst was subject to cross-examination on her affidavit. At that point Mr Terence Hallinan, one of her lawyers, said: "If the position of the court is to subject her to cross-examination, our position is she is too fragile at this point to subject her to this."

It is in fact hard to know what her state of mind is.

Sacramento, Califoria, Sept 23.—Miss Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, charged with attempting to assassinate Presidet Ford, was today ruled fit to act as her own lawyer.

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President Makarios flying to UN debate on Cyprus

From Our Correspondent
Nicosia, Sept 23

President Makarios flew to New York today to address the United Nations General Assembly once again on the Cyprus problem, a course which he said was dictated by the failure of the intercommunal peace talks due to Turkish intransigence.

Talking to reporters here before his departure, the President added that he would present the problem "in its real nature, and not as misleadingly presented by Turkey". The substance of the problem, he added, was the Turkish aggression against Cyprus, the violation of its independence and the continuing occupation of Cyprus territory.

The archbishop's departure came only a few hours after the Turkish Cypriot Constituent Assembly at the end of a late night session authorized Mr Rauf Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, to proclaim an independent Turkish Cypriot state whenever he deemed fit. Thirteen members of the opposition Populist Party walked out before the motion was approved by 32 votes. They later claimed this number was two short of the required two-thirds majority.

Mr Denktash told the Assembly after the vote that he did not intend to proclaim an independent state immediately or within a specified time. "Our intention", he continued, "is to prevent the Greek Cypriot leaders from destroying our status based on equality, by proving our right to self determination to international organizations which might take up the Cyprus issue.

"We hope that the Greek Cypriot leaders will abandon the policy of accusing us and Turkey on international platforms and sit at the negotiating table with good will, thus enabling talks for a peaceful settlement to be resumed", he added.

In earlier statements Mr Denktash was more specific. He stated he would be forced to proclaim an independent Turkish Cypriot state if the United Nations failed to give him equal status with President Makarios during the forthcoming Cyprus debate, and if it adopted an anti-Turkish resolution.

Commenting on this development, President Makarios said the Turkish Cypriot leadership, encouraged by the Turkish Government, was threatening to proclaim an independent state under various pretexts

Our Athens Correspondent writes: President Makarios conferred with Mr Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, during a brief stop at Athens airport. He said afterwards that there was complete identity of views on further handling of the Cyprus question.

Mrs Thatcher's surprise praise for Herr Schmidt

From Fred Emery
Ottawa, Sept 23

It was Conservative Opposition day here today, as Mrs Margaret Thatcher, for Britain, lunched with Mr Robert Stanfield, Canada's Leader of the Opposition, and members of his shadow cabinet.

Mr Stanfield, a Nova Scotian, leads the PC—the Progressive Conservatives—progressive being an attribute that Mrs Thatcher always attaches to the Tories at home when she faces the recurrent question over here about how such old fogies could elect a woman leader.

Among those present was Miss Flora MacDonald, a shadow cabinet member and a striking redhead, who many here think will try emulating Mrs Thatcher. She is expected to be a candidate for the succession to Mr Stanfield next February.

The Conservative Party, Mrs Thatcher told students yesterday, "in a courious way survived always by adapting its fundamentl beliefs to the need of the times but never departing from those fundamental beliefs."

The leaves are turning red here, and Ottawa seems gentler after the tumult, size and wealth of Chicago where Mrs Thatcher yesterday apparently captivated much of the business community and their wives. From Mayor Daley to the presidents of great corporations attending her rather pompously billed "international finance lecture", the word rang out that they were "absolutely thrilled" by her.

Some of her listeners confided they were astonished—and delighted—to hear her make common cause with Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Social Democrat Chancellor of West Germany, who had spoken last year from the same university podium.

Mrs Thatcher has on occasion praised Herr Schmidt and his way with German unions. But yesterday she went much farther, commending the Chancellor's policies to the British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

She said: "In theory he's a socialist, and in theory I am a conservative. Ironically enough we find our views on inflation almost identical; we find our views on how to run the economic system almost identical—and I wish sometimes I could sell them to the political opponents of mine and my country.

"They are quite simply: that you must have good profits today if you are to have investment tomorrow; you must have investment tomorrow if you are to have jobs the next day; and you must have jobs the next day if you are to have a rising standind of living next week, next month and next year."

Ousted Delhi editor backed by journalists' strike

Delhi, Sept 23.—Over 100 journalists on the *Hindustan Times*, Delhi's largest circulation English language newspaper, went on a 24-hour strike today in protest against the dismissal of the editor.

Mr B. G. Verghese, a former press adviser to Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, was dismissed from the editorship of the newspaper yesterday hours after the High Court ruled that he had a right to complain to the Press Council of India about the management's decision to dismiss him.

According to the journalists, the newspaper was under pressure to dismiss Mr Verghese because of his unfavourable articles about Mrs Gandhi.

The *Hindustan Times* has a daily circulation of 175,000. The management informed Mr Verghese yesterday that he was no longer editor and named Mr N. C. Menon, a junior assistant editor, as the acting editor.

Mr Verghese is one of India a most respected editors and the winner of this year's Magsaysay Award for journalism.

A spokesman for the management said the strike was not complete and several subeditors were working. The printing side was unaffected

1,221 rounded up in Japanese swoop on gangs

Tokyo, Sept 23.—Police carried out 1,081 raids throughout Japan today and arrested 1,221 suspected members of criminal organizations.

A police spokesman said the raids were directed against gangster violence and were not related to the security precautions being taken in connexion with Emperor Hirohito's forthcoming state visit to the United States. More than 9,000 policemen carried out the raids and seized 2,508 items, including illegally held guns and swords.

British team poised to conquer Everest

Katmandu, Sept 23.—A new conquest of Everest is possible by next Sunday, according to reports received here on the progress of the latest British expedition's assault on the formidable south-west face. The mountain, the highest in the world, has never before been conquered by that route.

The team, led by Chris Bonington, pitched its sixth and possibly last high altitude camp on September 19, according to Peter Schofield, of Stratford-on-Avon, who recently visited the base camp below the treacherous Khumbu icefall.

The team has to decide whether to establish another camp now or make a dash to the 29,028 ft summit from Camp 6, which is just below the last major barrier, the rocky south-west face.

The team is on schedule and the attempt to scale the summit is due on September 28.

If the Britons get to the top not only will they be the first to beat one of the mountain's most fearsome routes, but they will have conquered the peak within five weeks, an unprecedentedly short time. Sir Edmund Hillary climbed Everest first in 1953 with Sherpa Tenzing Norgay.

The expedition faces the worst weather at this time of year. So far it has been mixed, but the winter jetstream, which funnels wind across the face at over 100 mph, has yet to start.

Members of the 15-man team are all well known for their ability to move fast over rock. Traditional Everest routes at this height tend to be mostly snow and ice climbing. But any climbing over 27,000 ft makes enormous demands on stamina.

The risk is that bad weather or an accident could strand the men too far away from shelter, medicines and food in one of the camp dumps.—Reuter.

Pan Am's First Class dining room to the USA. The highest cuisine in the world?

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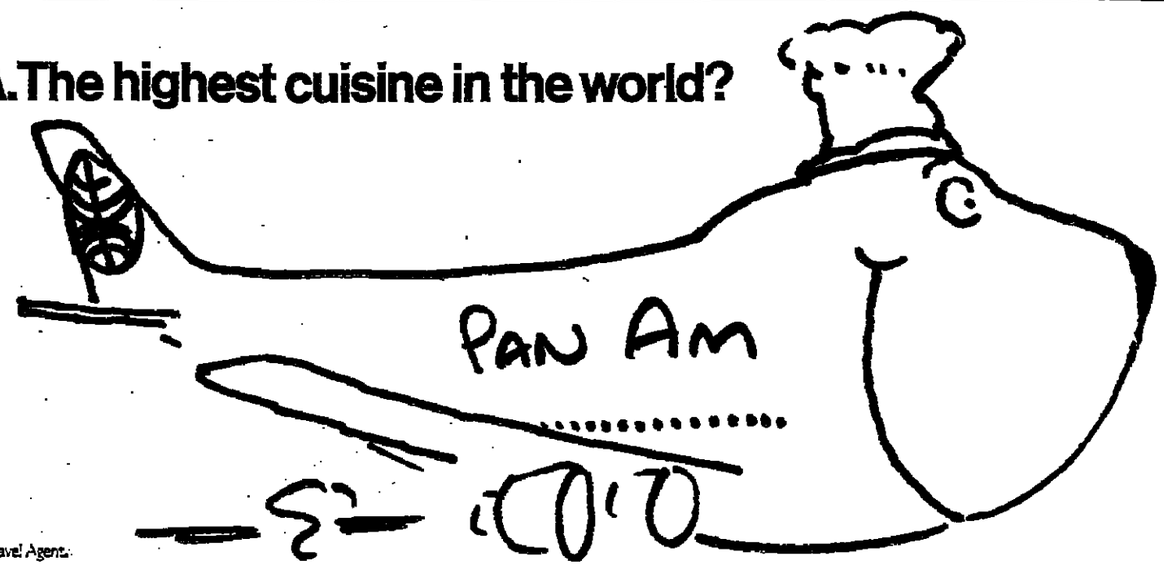
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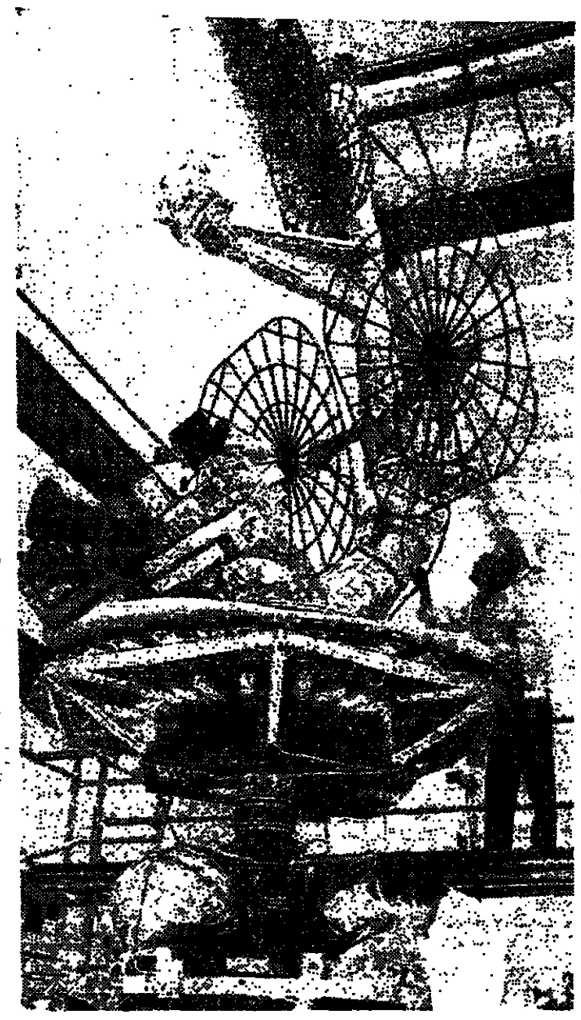
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Hunted refugees drown in crossing river

Bangkok, Sepr 21.—Several hundred Meo refugees from Laos drowned while trying to cross a raging mountain river after their camp in northern Thailand came under Pathet Lao shelling two weeks ago, according to reports reaching Bangkok today.

The Meo, who once formed the bulk of the United States Central Intelligence Agency's *secret army in Laos, fled in* panic when Pathet Lao troops mortared their camp. Survivors said: "People were washed away like flies when they tried to swim the river." Two thirds of the refugees were women and children.

Thai military officials attempted to force the five thousand Meo back to their camp, but the refugees ran off into the hills and have since been trying to reach the town of Pua, 40 miles away, which the Thai Army has cordoned off, according to reports.

The Meo, now fleeing from both the Thais and the Pathet Lao, were said to be eating dogs and cats to survive.

The Pathet Lao have been sending reconnaissance patrols almost daily five miles into Thailand to search for Meo leaders at the refugee camp.

Some 40,000 Meo fled to Thailand after the Pathet Lao began to consolidate their control in Laos in May. Many walked for three weeks from the old base operated by CIA at Long Cheng. More than 100 *died of hunger on the way.*

A Western source in northern Thailand said Thai villagers were "scared to death of an attack by the Pathet Lao because of the Meo." Villagers in the Pua district had taken to beating and shooting Meo refugees in an attempt to drive them from a camp near the town. Injured Meo were not allowed into local hospitals because of animosity in the area.

A Western observer said: "The Thai Army is ready to force the Meo back to Laos *at bayonet point in order to be* rid of the refugees." The Thais do not want the refugees, who have become the source of friction between Thailand and Laos.

Thailand appears to have acquiesced to Pathet Lao encroachment into border areas because as one observer said: "They are coming to get the Meo, not the Thais."—AP.

S African police detain former student leader

From Our Correspondent
Cape Town, Sept 23

South African security police have detained Miss Jenny Curtis, aged 24, archivist of the South African institute of race relations, under the Terrorism Act, which provides for indefinite detention without trial.

Her arrest brings the known number of detained people to about 75. She is a former member of the executive of the National Union of South African Students, and is the sister of the banned president of the student organization, Mr Neville Curtis, who fled to Australia last year.

Mr Shore in Moscow talks

Moscow, Sept 23.—Mr Peter Shore, the Trade Secretary, had talks in Moscow today with Mr *Nikolai Patolichev, the Soviet* Minister of Foreign Trade, on increasing British-Soviet exchanges.

Mr Patolichev was believed to have urged Britain, whose exports to the Soviet Union have recently sharply increased while imports have stayed static, to *look for more Soviet goods* to buy.

Family invitation to Peking for Taiwan envoy

From Our Correspondent
Hongkong, Sept 23

Hongkong's left-wing vernacular press has carried on its front pages an unprecedented invitation to the Taiwan Ambassador in Washington, Mr James Shen, from his nephew to visit Peking for a family reunion and an inspection of achievements on the mainland since "liberation".

The letter, signed by Mr Shen Chun, who is translator of foreign industrial information in Peking, has clearly been timed to follow the recently reported revival of *militancy by Mr Chiang Ching-*kuo, the Taiwan Prime Minister, as the "double tenth", the Kuomintang anniversary, approaches.

He respectfully reminds his Uncle James of his student days at Yenching university and notes that he has not seen his nephew and three brothers since 1949.

"We will certainly accompany you to see the historic sights of Peking as well as the brand new image of the capital

Friends of the formidable anti-communist ambassador agree that he will be enraged rather than embarrassed by the public invitation.

Vorster Government 'has grounds for optimism'

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

The visit to London this week by Dr Hilgard Muller, the South African Foreign Minister, points to an improvement in relations *between Britain and South* Africa which is perhaps surprising.

The motive on the British *side is the strong desire for* South African help in pushing Mr Smith towards a settlement in Rhodesia. But the changes within South Africa itself have been noted too.

Dr Muller's talk with Mr David Ennals, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, was described as cordial and *constructive.* And in his address to the Foreign Affairs Club in London Dr Muller spoke of South Africa's *diplomacy being* "in a stage of fascinating achievement".

South Africa was approaching closer to its "ideal" of a sub-continent consisting of a group of independent states which were economically interdependent, living in peace with one another and supporting each other in every possible way, Dr Muller said.

In the past year or so South Africa had laid solid foundations for its three main aims in improving relations with Africa and the rest of the free world. These were "to end the escalation of violence, to normalize relations with African countries and to stimulate development in Africa. I feel we have good grounds for optimism", he added.

On Rhodesia, Dr Muller said that South Africa was not prescribing what sort of *solution* should be found.

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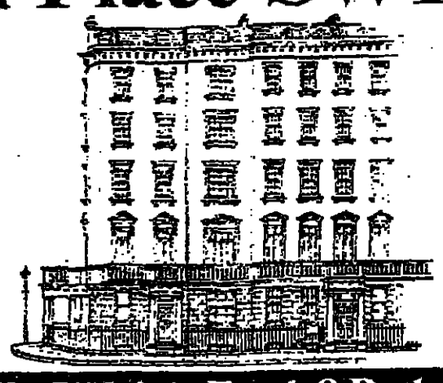
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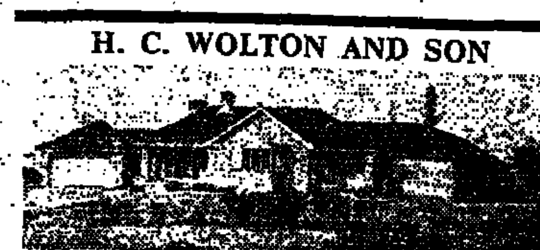
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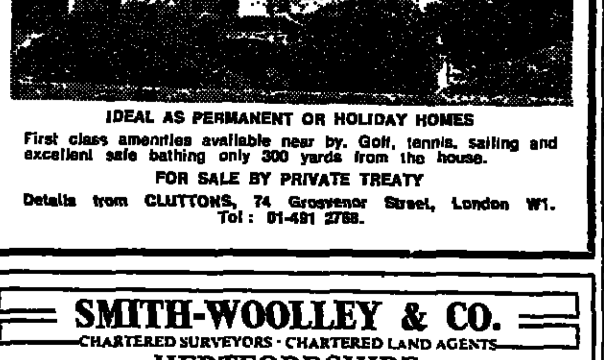
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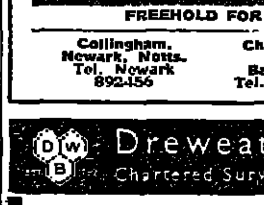
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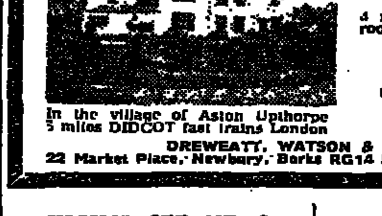
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SPORT

Boxing

Bugner gives up European title and dreams of a return with Frazier

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent

Joe Bugner relinquished his European heavyweight boxing title yesterday because, his manager, Andy Smith, said, "None of the last four Europeans he has met has done anything to improve Joe's reputation. The standard of opponents was poor and so were the standards of the fights".

In fact, I would not be at all surprised if Bugner and his mentor are hoping for a Saturday afternoon match in London, in November, against the former world heavyweight champions, George Foreman or Joe Frazier. The timing would allow the match to be shown, via satellite, on closed circuit television in the United States and thus guarantee, all concerned with the promotion in this country, far more income than from any European championship.

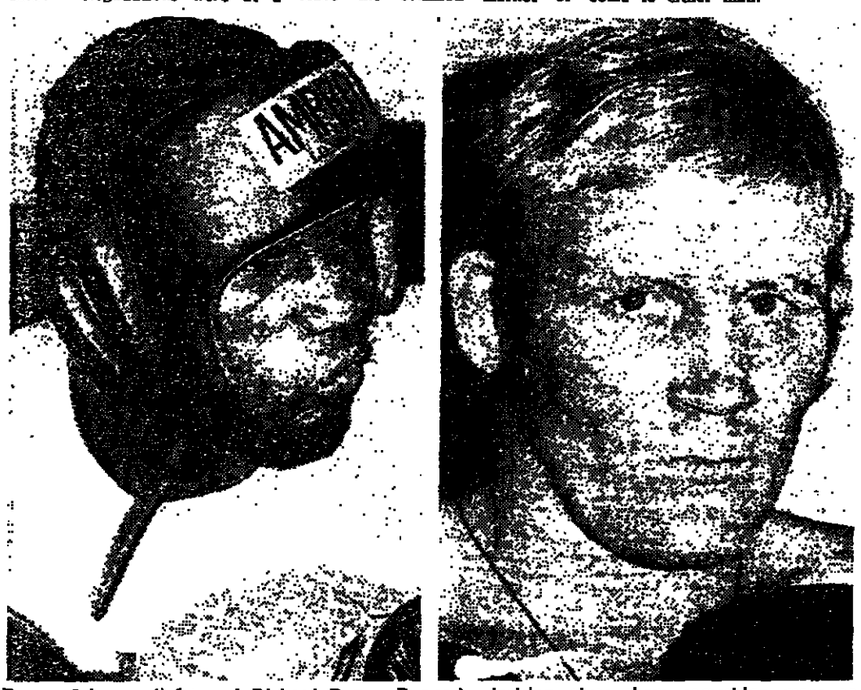
Negotiations have been going on for some time about the possibility of Bugner boxing Foreman in Las Vegas. Indeed, just over a week ago I heard that Bugner might be flying to the United States to sign contracts. Yesterday Mr Smith, who can be most circuitous regarding the future, said: "Negotiations were at a fairly mature stage, but Foreman failed to come to terms and so they fell through. Now no decision will be made until after the Ali-Frazier fight next week. Whatever the result there are all sorts of possible permutations."

That is true. But it is still mildly astonishing that Bugner should be a viable commodity in the pugilistic market after his 15 rounds against Muhammad Ali of which the American promoter of that bout, Don King, recently remarked: "What can you do? Here's a big, strong dude with the chance of a lifetime and he stands in the ring like a 1,000-year-old mummy." It is pleasant to have one's own views of what happened in Malaysia confirmed.

Bugner, while enjoying his new £100,000 home as part of the fruits of his labour, is also considering, since Foreman is not the easiest man to lure into action, a return bout with Joe Frazier, especially if Frazier manages to topple "the mightiest" in Quezon City on October 1. At least Bugner, and the eternally optimistic Mr Smith, can point out, with reason, that Bugner had a magnificent battle with Frazier when they first met over 12 rounds in London in 1973.

Until yesterday's decision to leave the common market of bruising, Bugner was marched in defence of his European title with Jean-Pierre Coopman, of Belgium, in Antwerp for a purse of about £10,000. But Mr Smith pointed out: "Though we are reluctant to let the title go, at the moment it does not fit in with our plans. Coopman would not have been a good opponent for Bugner. Now the European Boxing Union is breathing down my neck for the next European title fight to take place, but with Ali meeting Frazier I need some breathing space myself. Our next fight could be with someone of the Foreman, Frazier, Ron Lyle, Ken Norton type."

The happiest man at Bugner giving up the European title for bigger rewards could be Bunny Johnson, the British champion who yesterday was named by the British Boxing Board of Control as a possible opponent of Coopman for the European championship. First Johnson has to defend his British and Commonwealth titles against Richard Dunn at the Empire Pool, Wembley next Tuesday. Neither Johnson nor Dunn have made even a third of what Bugner has earned from the ring. A chance at the European championship would be more than welcome to either man.



Bunny Johnson (left) and Richard Dunn: Bugner's decision gives them something more to fight for.

Football



Wile (left) and Ayris: back with their teams.

Blackpool sell Burridge and clear debts

Blackpool yesterday agreed to transfer their goalkeeper, John Burridge, to Aston Villa for just under £100,000, a fee which will clear the second division club's debts. The deal was rushed through after Villa had made an approach for 23-year-old Burridge. Blackpool's Player of the Year. Burridge said that he was delighted at the chance of playing for a club he had admired for several seasons.

Blackpool's manager, Harry Potts, said: "I would never have contemplated selling Burridge had I not thought we were adequately covered by a first-class goalkeeper in George Wood, who would have been a first choice 'keeper at most other clubs." Blackpool signed Burridge from Workington five seasons ago for £10,000. For tonight's second division game at Blackburn, Blackpool bring in Wood.

Blackburn Rovers will be without both regular full backs. Heaton has a stress fracture of the right shin, and Burgin has torn ligaments. Heaton's place is taken by Wilkinson, who will be having his first senior game of the season, and Hutt, on a month's loan from Huddersfield, deputizes for Burgin.

The West Ham manager, John Lyall, includes Ayris, Coleman and Curbishley in a party of 15 players for the tough League Cup second round replay away to Bristol City today. Ayris has played only three full matches in two seasons, Coleman has not appeared in the club's last dozen matches, and Curbishley has played only once in the first team. But Lyall denies West Ham have injury troubles. "The three are just added to the 12 on duty Saturday as a precaution", he said.

West Ham have a history of defeats by clubs from lower divisions in cup replays and will be anxious to repeat their FA Cup success over Swindon.

Bristol City's right back, Sweeney, will have a late fitness test on his ankle. If he is unfit Gillies will continue in an unchanged team.

Manchester City will choose from a party of 13 for their first division match against Stoke City at Maine Road. City have added Barnes and Power to the side beaten by Derby on the Baseball Ground on Saturday, but the final choice will not be made until just before the kick-off.

Barrett's groin strain has failed to mend so Fulham will field the team who beat Hull on Saturday for their League Cup second round replay against West Bromwich Albion at Craven Cottage. Alec Stock, their manager, is hopeful Barrett will be available for Saturday's local derby at home to Chelsea, and makes a late choice of substitute.

West Bromwich recall their former captain, Wile, who was dropped last Saturday. But they spring a surprise by dropping the former England striker Tony Brown. In an attempt to bring some punch into the attack, they bring in Alistair Brown, the former Leicester player. Albion have not scored away from home this season and Brown has only scored once in seven appearances. The return of Wile means that Robertson, who took over from him last week, switches to replace Rushbury.

Bournemouth expect to have the right back, Payne, at home to Brentford tonight. Payne, Bournemouth's captain, was kept out of Saturday's game with an ankle injury but has recovered well.

Rugby Union

Promise given of clean, attacking play by Australian tour team

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

The Australian rugby team who are due to tour Britain at the end of October will be meticulous in their observance of the best traditions of the game, on and off the field. That is the conviction, just expressed to me in a letter, of a high-ranking member of their union, and it is a comfort to receive it after the memory of the brutality with which the Australian forwards began the second international against England in Brisbane in May.

I am sure that Australian rugby is anxious to wipe the slate clean of that sordid episode and to start afresh. My correspondent asserts that any unhappy memories of that tour will be quickly eradicated. He believes that the manager, Ross Turnbull, the coach, David Brockhoff, and the captain, John Hipwell, will form an admirable partnership in all respects.

"Although some critical remarks have been made about David Brockhoff, I think they are most unjustified. I have known him for 25 years. He was most ethical as an international player, and has always been so as a coach. Certainly he is outgoing, enthusiastic, and keen to do well, but any suggestion that he might condone illegal or foul play just isn't true."

It seemed to me at the time of the notorious Brisbane match, when Australian boots went in from the kick-off, that the coach inevitably had to shoulder some of the blame, even though he may not have been directly responsible for his team's approach. I am delighted to have received reassurance about his attitudes. An articulate analyst of the game, he has a vibrant and likable personality. So, too, has the manager, Mr Turnbull, a 33-year-old solicitor, is the youngest ever Australian national manager. He should be popular in Britain.

Mr Turnbull insists that in the selection of the sixth Wallabies the accent was placed on players with a flair for attack and counter-attack. "We want", he says, "to play a positive and productive game that players and spectators alike will enjoy. We are equipped to play a 15-man comprehensive game, and thus to have all the options which flow from that ability."

Touring sides have not always been renowned for adhering to a policy laid down before they start, but Australian ones are more likely than most to stick to their positive guns and, given reasonable conditions, and a reasonable supply of good ball, I shall be surprised if Hipwell's team do not maintain Australian tradition in this respect.

Australia were late starters for the coaching stakes, but there can be no doubt that the formation in 1974 of a national panel, under the former international centre, Dick Marks, has brought significant results. This sprang from a visit of top Australian coaches to Britain followed by a reciprocal visit by Ray Williams, of Wales. The initial aim was to develop within the top Australian players a command of forward techniques, a more sophisticated level of individual and group skills, and a more uniform tactical approach.

Certainly, the Sixth Wallabies will be more thoroughly prepared than any of their predecessors, and, with two victories over England this summer, and two more against Japan, they will leave for Britain with rising confidence. Whether they will have the resources in depth to withstand all the requirements of a long and demanding tour remains to be seen. Most of the midweek games are tough ones here these days. But at full strength (without, alas, there big lock, Garrick Fay) Australia should be an attractive and effective combination.

Japanese to concentrate on passing

Tokyo, Sept 23.—Japan will concentrate on passing movements and avoid kicking as much as possible in their final rugby international against Wales here tomorrow, the Japanese manager, Hitoshi Oka, said today. The match starts at 3 pm (6 o'clock GMT), with the temperature expected to be around 77°F (25°C), compared with the sweltering 88°F (32°C) during the last international in Osaka on Sunday.

Mr Oka said the Japanese side should not be afraid of experimenting for fear of losing tomorrow's game, though he realized the pressure the players were under as representing Japan. Wales trounced Japan 56—12 on Sunday and have also comfortably won the other two games in their four-match tour.

The Welsh are favourites to win again tomorrow. The coach, John Dawes, described his team as "a very fit side". The powerful Welshmen are much stronger and heavier than the Japanese, who tend to tire in the second half of play. But the Japanese competitive spirit, speed and defensive tackling still makes them a threat if they seize the chances offered to them. Dawes said of the Japanese in the last Test: "They did create a number of chances but they didn't take them. That must be where they must improve."

Weighill clarifies powers of selectors

The Rugby Union secretary, Bob Weighill, yesterday clarified the committee's intention behind their statement last Friday which promised full backing to the England selectors if they decided not to pick a player who had been guilty of misconduct. "We were referring only to England or potential England players and giving the selectors the option of considering any misconduct in any match, not only internationals. This would mean, that, if a player were sent off in a club game, for instance, the international selectors would be in a position to omit him from the England team for a year if they felt justified in doing so. "We did not mean to imply that the player's club would necessarily not select him—and certainly not for a year. Nor did we seek to take away the normal rights the player's constituent body would have to review any case of misconduct."

Alfred Wyman, the Coventry match secretary, denied yesterday that the 19 clubs forming a proposed Anglo-Welsh merit table competition were "arbitrarily selected". Mr Wyman, who originally invited the 19 clubs to take part, said his choice was based on three qualifications: 1, membership should be restricted to clubs who over the years have had a consistently good playing record; 2, they should be within 120 miles of Bristol to contain travelling costs; and 3, have suitable accommodation for large crowds.

He said that within 120 miles of Bristol there were 21 major clubs as defined by the Rugby Union. Of those 13 were included in the table. Of the other eight London Irish and London Scottish were not considered as he felt it unlikely they would want to play several games against Welsh clubs.

Cheltenham, Exeter, Metropolitan Police and Rugby failed to measure up to two of the three qualifications. This left Wasps and Saracens as the only two other clubs who might have cause for complaint. But even so they played very few fixtures against the Welsh clubs in the merit table. Mr Wyman said they had no intention of going against the wishes of the Rugby Union and the merit table would, in the main, be based on the existing fixtures between those clubs taking part.

London Irish will be without their captain, Kennedy, for another two weeks. When he returns from holiday next week the British Lions hooker will find that he's been selected to play for Ulster against the Rest of Ireland at Belfast on Oct 4. Donovan continues the captaincy in his absence when the Irish meet Streatham and Croydon at Sunbury on Saturday.

A reshuffle in the back row brings in at wing forward, Costello, from the Wild Geese, and number eight, Spring, last year's Irish schoolboys captain and now a student at Trinity College, Dublin.

Coventry's wing forward, Cardwell, returns to the side after injury for tonight's match at Nuneaton. Broderick is also back in the side. The club's veteran prop had suffered a back injury in the season's opening match.

Bulpitt, the former Blackheath wing who won a cap for England against Scotland in 1970, has come out of retirement to play for Rosslyn Park and makes his first appearance for them against Waterloo at Roehampton on Saturday. Bulpitt retired after a few games for Blackheath last season but has since moved near to Park.

Another England international, centre Warfield, makes his first appearance of the season for the club, taking over from Prior, and Ripley, the England No 8, comes into the back row after playing for the Wolfhounds.



Kennedy: selected for Ulster against the Rest of Ireland.

Frazier disputes claim that gun was a toy

Manila, Sept 23.—General Fabian Ver, the chief of the Philippines presidential security force, received a report today on Sunday's gun incident involving Joe Frazier and the world heavyweight champion, Muhammad Ali, according to reliable sources.

Controversy over the incident continued as General Ver considered the report by the officer in charge of guards protecting Frazier during his preparations for next week's title match with Ali in Quezon City near by.

Frazier charged that Ali had driven to his hotel on Sunday evening, stood in the forecourt shouting he wanted to "shoot the gorilla", and aimed an unloaded revolver at the balcony where he was sitting. The former world champion, obviously upset, disclosed the incident at a press conference yesterday, declaring: "I don't like people playing with guns . . . a lot of accidents happen like that."

Ali's explanation that he had merely brandished a toy gun outside the challenger's hotel was disputed by members of Frazier's entourage. Two members of Frazier's camp claimed they saw Ali grab a .38-calibre revolver from one of the security guards, empty the chamber of bullets, raise the gun and pull the trigger four or five times.

The 33-year-old champion, who is concentrating as much of his energy on baiting Frazier as he is on training for the October 1 bout, displayed the toy gun—a black cap pistol with a gold-coloured barrel tip—to a crowd of 5,000 people during his workout today.

Ali lingered in Manila's folk arts theatre to "spy" on Frazier as the challenger went five full-paced rounds with two sparring partners. Peeking below a full-length mirror set on the theatre stage and dodging behind a row of his handlers, Ali set out to distract Frazier's concentration. While the crowd buzzed and laughed, Frazier plodded on, ignoring the champion's presence.

Ali caught the crowd's attention earlier with his toy-pistol act and gave his version of Sunday's "stick-up" of Frazier. "I pulled a western cowboy scene on Joe Frazier. I said 'Joe Frazier—gorilla can you hear me'. And the gorilla came to the balcony and looked over. I said: 'Gorilla, be out of Manila'.

"He thinks I'm crazy and he called a press conference he was so afraid. Actually, he gave me $20m of free publicity", Ali said.—Reuter.

Cycling

Several teams lose ground under pressure

In a blistering last hour at midnight the Dutch-West German team of Pijnen and Haritz maintained their overall lead in the Skol international cycling race at Wembley. The favourites, Sercu and Van Lancker moved into second place but were still a lap down.

The leaders covered the last hour at nearly 32 mph. It was a handicap team race with the big teams starting seven laps down and the pace went up immediately. In the ensuing battle, Julien Stevens, of Belgium, retired for the night, having already ridden for three and a half hours with two broken ribs.

Under such pressure a number of teams wilted and the earlier holders of second place, the West Germans-Danish pair, Schulze and Ritter, lost two laps. So too, did Tony Gowland of Britain, who is partnered with the West German, Wilfried Peffgen. They maintained third position because of a better points total than the others.

Behind them the rest of the field were well strung out but the possibility of Sercu winning at Wembley for the seventh time seemed slim as his French partner was unable to match the Belgian's scorching pace.

In spite of Sercu winning last night's big chase—he won £350—the leaders, Pijnen and Haritz looked more compact and seemed capable of holding on to their lead over the past two nights. If Sercu is to win, he must with his French partner gain a lap on the leaders and then another lap, since they now trail on points.

PLACINGS: 1, Pijnen and Haritz (Netherlands-West Germany), 459 pts; 2, at one lap, Sercu and Van Lancker (Belgium-France), 411; 3, at two laps, Gowland and Peffgen (GB-West Germany), 478; 4, at two laps, Schulze and Ritter (West Germany-Denmark), 98; 5, at three laps, Allan-Kemper (Australia-W Germany), 318; 6, at four laps Van-Linden and Kemper (Belgium-W Germany), 529.

Title bout postponed

San Juan, Sept 23.—The World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight title bout between the champion, Angel Espada, of Puerto Rico, and Tony Petronelli, of the United States, scheduled for Saturday was postponed today after the challenger hurt a hand in training. It would have been Espada's first world contest since June when he beat Clyde Gray, of Canada, for the title left vacant by José Napoles, of Mexico.—Agence France Presse.

Lagos, Sept 23.—The Commonwealth lightweight boxing champion, Dele Jonathan, has been given up to December 31 to defend his title against Percy Hayles, of Jamaica. Mr Abis Awebele, secretary of the Nigerian Boxing Board of Control, said today.—Reuter.

Golf

Platts at level par on a day the rest were 787 over

By Lewine Mair

The winner of the seven-club Braemar tournament over these links 11 years ago, Lionel Platts, leads the field with a level par 71 in the first round of the Double Diamond individual championship at Turnberry.

Though the wind was by no means as strong as it has been, in the morning, even the massive David Huish found himself swept aside as he addressed a putt on the 11th green. Platts controlled the ball superbly in the afternoon.

Out in 38 with the wind at his back, the former Ryder Cup golfer covered the inward half in a two under par 33, scoring six single putts.

By far the most difficult hole at Turnberry yesterday was the 14th, this 441 yards hole being played, for the most part, directly into the gale. However, whereas David Dunk amassed an 11, Andreas Oosthuizen a 10 and the 98-strong field a cumulative 133 shots over par on that hole, Platts all but collected a three, his 100 yard pitch spinning around the hole before slipping away.

Inevitably, there were other sadistic statistics to be drawn from this windswept day. Even before play was finished, Harry Bannerman had calculated that the field were a collective 787 over par and that they had accomplished a worst ball score of 119.

William Lockie, like Dunk and Oosthuizen, had the dubious distinction of running into double figures at one hole—namely, with an 11 at the 427 yard 8th. Yet, after an inward half of 33, this former Scottish boy international wound up with nothing worse than a 77 to be only six shots off the pace.

"Having been playing on such a long course as Laurel Valley, Turnberry seemed not really too difficult." Eamon Darcy said after the 72 which left him in second place with the former Open champion, Roberto de Vicenzo.

Darcy, who had had only two and a half hours sleep on Monday night because of his flight back from the Ryder Cup, had a bit of trouble knowing how much to angle his shots into the wind yesterday. For all that, he chipped and putted really well, not least at the 17th where he laid his 30 yard chip less than 3ft from the hole and collected a birdie.

The wind and rain made scant impression on de Vicenzo, his lovely swing never wavering.

On Monday, the former world senior champion had used a set of irons belonging to the assistant professional at Turnberry. Yesterday, though, they were not available since the said assistant needed them for his own round. Bob Jamieson, the Turnberry professional, came to the rescue with a set of 12-year-old irons—and de Vicenzo could not have struck the ball better.

De Vicenzo had left his own irons over here to be repaired after our Open. Since when, he has never seen them. "In Britain," he exclaimed, eyes twinkling, "I lose everything. Everything, that is, except my wife. . . ."

71: L. Platts.
72: R. de Vicenzo (Argentina), E. Darcy.
74: D. Hayes (SA), G. Cullen, M. F. Foster, T. Glassgens (SA), J. O'Leary.
75: G. Smith, R. Carr, E. Polland, M. King, B. Jackson, M. Bembridge, M. E. Gregson.
76: I. P. Tupling, J. E. Murray, J. L. Hammond, W. Cooper (US), B. Gallacher, N. D. Wood, T. A. Horton, R. J. Charles.
77: P. Dawson, L. Higgins, R. P. Fyfe, H. Underwood (US), W. R. Lockie, S. C. Mason, J. M. Noon, D. Small.
78: P. Leonard, 7, C. Mallman, M. Ballesteros (Spain), S. Ballesteros (Spain), N. C. Coles, K. Bannerman, D. Huish, H. W. Muscroft, A. O'Connor, P. H. Wucock, C. O'Connor, J. Colbert (US), G. Will, C. H. Blaiks.

Tennis

Ashe and Mrs Cawley to compete in Dewar Cup

Arthur Ashe has entered the Dewar Cup indoor tournament. It begins in Edinburgh on November 8 and switches to the Albert Hall, London, from November 12-15. Ashe's entry was confirmed yesterday by the chairman of the tournament, John Dewar, who also said that among the first entries for the women's singles was Evonne Cawley.

Ashe, who won Wimbledon this summer by beating the defending champion, Jimmy Connors, in the final, and Mrs Cawley—formerly Miss Goolagong—are the first two confirmed entries for this year's Dewar Cup which, for the first time, is being restricted to one £40,000 grand prix tournament, instead of a round-Britain series.

The men's singles will be the climax of a rush for points in the final placings in the Commercial Union grand prix points table, while the women's singles will be part of a new European women's indoor tour, that is being launched this autumn.

Today's football fixtures

First division
Derby Co v Manchester Utd (7.30)
Manchester C v Stoke C (7.30)

Second division
Blackburn v Blackpool (7.30)
Luton v Plymouth (7.30)
Nottingham F v Charlton (7.30)

Third division
Aldershot v Millwall (7.30)
Chester v Colchester (7.30)
Chesterfield v Sheffield W (7.15)
Hereford v Swindon (7.30)
Peterborough v Wrexham (7.30)

Fourth division
Bournemouth v Brentford (7.30)
Barnsley v Doncaster (7.30)
Bradford C v Huddersfield (7.30)
Crewe v Rochdale (7.30)
Southport v Lincoln (7.30)
Torquay v Exeter (7.30)

League Cup
Fulham v West Bromwich (7.30)
Bristol City v West Ham (7.30)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-final round (second leg): Montrose v Hibernian (7.30); Queen of the South v Rangers (7.30); Dundee v Partick Thistle (7.30); Celtic v Stenhousemuir (7.30).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Cup: first round replay): Milton Keynes v Grantham (7.30). League: Premier division: Kettering v Burton (7.30). First division (north): Cheltenham v Kidderminster (7.30); King's Lynn v Bury Town (7.30).
INTER-LEAGUE MATCH (Northern Premier v Southern): Wigan Athletic v Wimbledon (7.30).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: South: Liverpool v Northwich Victoria (7.30). Cup replay: Macclesfield v Bangor City (7.30).
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Oxford City v Staines Town (7.30).
RUGBY UNION: Aberavon v Bristol (7.0); Bridgend v Llanelli (7.15); Cardiff v Aberavon (7.15); Cross Keys v Glamorgan Wanderers (7.15); Eastleigh v Havant (7.30); Lansdowne v Antlers (7.30); London Welsh v Metropolitan Police (5.30); Northampton v Rugby (7.0); Pontypool v Swansea (7.0); RNAE v Reading (6.0); Rosslyn Park v Saracens (7.0); Barbarians v England (7.30); US Portsmouth v Royal Hampshire (7.30); Household Brigade v Public Schools Wanderers (at Pirbright, 6.0).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Floodlit competition: Leeds v Castleford (7.30).

Monday's results

THIRD DIVISION: Port Vale 2, Cardiff City 1; Southend 0, Preston North End 2; Walsall 2, Shrewsbury 0.
FOURTH DIVISION: Hartlepool 4, Reading 4; Stockport County 0, Darlington 0; Tranmere Rovers 2, Scunthorpe 1.

Weightlifting

European team contains four record holders

Moscow, Sept 23.—The European team selected today to meet the Rest of the World at a weightlifting contest in Montreal in December contains four world record holders.

The title holders were from Bulgaria and the Soviet Union. They were the bantamweight, Anatas Kirov, and the heavyweight, Valentin Kristov, of Bulgaria, and the middle-heavyweight, David Rigert, and the super-heavyweight, Vasiliy Alexyev, of the Soviet Union.

At middleweight the Bulgarian, Josef Mitkov, the silver medal winner at the world championships here, was included in preference to the gold medal winner, Peter Wenzel, of East Germany. Mitkov was looked upon as the successor to his remarkable compatriot, Nedelsho Kolev, who for the last three years was one of the world's outstanding weightlifters, but managed only the bronze medal at the world championships.

TEAM: Flyweight: Z. Smalcerz (Poland); bantam: A. Kirov (Bulgaria); feather: G. Todorov (Bulgaria); light: P. Korol (USSR); middle: J. Mitkov (Bulgaria); lightheavy: I. Chary (USSR); middle-heavy: D. Rigert (USSR); heavyweight: V. Kristov (Bulgaria); super-heavy: V. Alexyev (USSR).—Agence France-Presse.

Lynch retires

Sean Lynch, the Irish prop forward, has retired from representative rugby. Lynch (32) was capped 15 times for Ireland between 1970 and 1974

England unchanged

England's team to meet France in the world rugby league championship match at Bordeaux, on October 11, is the one who beat Wales on Saturday.

TEAM: G. Fairbairn (Wigan); K. Fielding (Salford), E. Hughes (Widnes), J. Holmes (Leeds), J. Atkinson (Leeds); K. Gill (Salford), B. Millward (Hull Kingston Rovers, captain); B. Hogan (Wigan), A. Bridges (Featherstone), S. Forsyth (Bradford Northern), J. Grayshaun (Dewsbury), R. Irving (Wigan); S. Nordon (Castleford). Substitutes: D. Eckersley (St Helens), G. Nicholls (St Helens). Travelling reserve: M. Adams (Widnes).

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 4, Milwaukee Brewers 6; Kansas City Royals 2, Texas Rangers 1; Boston Red Sox 6, New York Yankees 4; Minnesota Twins 2, Oakland Athletics 1; California Angels 5, Chicago White Sox 0.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis Cardinals 6, Montreal Expos 4; Montreal Expos 8, St Louis Cardinals 5; Houston Astros 5, Cincinnati Reds 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 11, Philadelphia Phillies 3; San Diego Padres 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 5.

Tennis

SANTO DOMINGO: M. Santana (Spain) beat R. Ness (Venezuela) 6—7, 6—3, 6—1; R. Cano (Argentina) beat R. Taylor (G), 4—6, 6—1, 7—6; J. Molina (Colombia) beat T. Koch (Brazil), 6—3, 6—2.
SAN FRANCISCO: C. Richey beat B. Mitton, 6—4, 6—3; O. Parun beat T. Gullikson, 6—3, 4—6, 6—1; R. Thuns beat R. Bentwides, 6—3, 6—3; 6—0; T. Moore beat J. McManus, 6—3, 6—0; T. Svensson beat J. Austin, 7—5, 7—6; V. Pecci beat M. Cahill, 6—3, 6—3, 6—4; B. Menon beat R. Dell, 6—2, 6—4; C. Dibley beat F. McNair, 6—4, 6—2; V. Lutz beat J. Soares, 6—4, 6—3; G. Vilas beat M. Estep, 6—4, 6—4; J. Benjwirk beat H. Solomon, 6—3, 6—4.

West German tour

Frankfurt, Sept 23.—The West German football team will make a 13-day tour of Argentina in June, 1977, the West German football federation said today.—UPI.

Army tribute

As a tribute to E. Alford who leaves the Army after 31 years service, including 21 years playing Army rugby, a match will be played at the Guards Depot, Pirbright, this evening (6 pm) between the Household Brigade and Public Schools Wanderers. The Household Brigade will be captained by Alford, and the England under-23 and Oxford centre, Charles Kent, leads Public Schools Wanderers.

Yachting

ARENYS DE MAR (Spain): European women's championships: Individual section: third race: 1, Hamel (France); 2, Howeschal (Romania); 3, Snellman (Sweden); 4, Degow (W Germany); 5, Kremsinger (France); 6, Magna (France). Overall: 1, Hamel 0 points; 2, Degow 23pts; 3, Magna 23.1pts; 4, Ehanham 27.7pts; 5, De Wit (Netherlands) 29pts; 6, Krenninger 29.7pts. Pairs section, third race: 1, Foster-Ridge (GB); 2, Wolters-Frombery (Netherlands); 3, Ailis-Mateo (France); 4, Nue-Caminade (France); 5, Ores-de Vos (Netherlands); 6, Corey-Pawley (GB). Overall: Foster-Ridge 6.7 points; 2, Corey-Pawley 14.7pts; 3, Ailis-Mateo 25.7pts; 4, Nue-Caminade 28pts; 5, Wolters-Frombery 32pts; 6, Valk-de Vos (Netherlands) 33.7pts.

Bulgarian leads

Moscow, Sept 23.—Khristo Plachkov, of Bulgaria, opened the super heavyweight contest on the last day of the world weightlifting championship here today by lifting a world record 195 kilos at the snatch. Plachkov added 2.5 kilos to his previous best world mark to overshadow Vasiliy Alexyev, the Soviet Union's world, Olympic and European champion, who lifted 187.5 kilos. Third in the match were the East Germans, Jurgen Heiser and Gerd Bonk

Leading Rugby Union fixtures for 1975-76

September
24—Scottish North and Midlands v Northumberland (Dunfermline).
28—Glenearth Sevens.

October
8—Leicestershire v Notts Lincs and Derbys (Leicester); Staffordshire Midlands (Barton); Warwickshire v East Midlands (Coventry); Dorset and Wilts v Oxfordshire (Salisbury); Hertfordshire v Buckinghamshire (Cowley Green); Gloucestershire v Lancashire (Rughenden).
15—East Midlands v North Midlands (Northampton); Staffordshire v Leicestershire (Leicester); Notts Lincs and Derbyshire v Warwickshire (Newark); Eastern Counties v Sussex (Hampden); Hampshire v Surrey (Basingstoke); Middlesex v Kent (Richmond); South v Anglo-Scots (Ayr).
22—Buckinghamshire v Berkshire (Marlow); Oxfordshire v Hertfordshire.
25—Cumberland and Westmorland v Durham (Workington); Lancashire v Cheshire (Fylde); Northumberland v Yorkshire (Gosforth); Cornwall v Gloucestershire (Redruth); Devon v Somerset (Exeter).
29—Oxford University v Australians (Oxford); Surrey v Eastern Counties (Richmond); Sussex v Middlesex (Brighton); North Midlands v Notts Lincs and Derbyshire (Moseley); Staffordshire v East Midlands (Burton); Warwickshire v Leicester (Coventry).

November
1—Cardiff v Australians (Cardiff); Cheshire v Yorkshire; Cumberland and Westmorland (Keswick); Durham v Lancashire (West Hartlepool); Leinster v Connaught (Dublin).
4—Llanelli v Australians (Stradey Park).
5—Berkshire v Hertfordshire (Reading); Buckinghamshire v Dorset and Wilts (Chiltern); North Midlands v Warwickshire (Moseley); Scottish North and Midlands v Anglo-Scots (Meadowbank).
8—London v Australians (Twickenham); France B v Wales B (Rouen); Ulster v Munster (Ravenhill); Durham v Cheshire (Hartlepool); Lancashire v Northumberland (Manchester); Yorkshire v Cumberland and Westmorland (Otley); Gloucestershire v Devon (Bristol); Somerset v Cornwall (Bridgwater).
12—Midland Counties East v Australians (Leicester); Eastern Counties v Kent (Shelford); Hampshire v Middlesex (US Portsmouth); Surrey v Sussex (Richmond).
15—Ulster v Australians (Belfast); Cumberland and Westmorland v Lancashire (Kendal); Northumberland v Cheshire (Gosforth); Yorkshire v Durham (Birkastall).
19—Edinburgh v Australians (Myreside); Leicestershire v North Midlands (Leicester); Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire v East Midlands (Basford); Warwickshire v Staffordshire (Coventry); Dorset and Wilts v Berkshire (Wareham); Oxfordshire v Buckinghamshire.
22—North East Counties v Australians (Gosforth); Devon v Cornwall (Torquay); Somerset v Gloucestershire (Taunton); Munster v Leinster (Limerick); Cheshire v Lancashire and Westmorland (Sale).
25—Glasgow v South (Hughenden).
26—Gloucestershire and Somerset v Australians (Bristol); East Midlands v Leicestershire (Northampton); Kent v Surrey (Maidstone); Middlesex v Eastern Counties (Richmond); Hampshire v Combined Services (Portsmouth).
29—Swansea v Australians (St Helens); Edinburgh v North and Midlands (Edinburgh); Connaught v Ulster (Galway); Kent v Hampshire (Blackheath); Durham v Northumberland (Gateshead Fell); Lancashire v Yorkshire (Vale of Lune).

December
2—South of Scotland v Australians.
3—Staffordshire v Welsh Students and Derbyshire; Berkshire v Oxfordshire (Maidenhead); Hertfordshire v Dorset and Wilts (Croxley Green).
6—SCOTLAND v AUSTRALIA (Murrayfield); England v North (trial) (Midlands); Ireland B v France B (Dublin).
10—Southern Counties v Australians (Aylesbury); Eastern Counties v Hampshire (Walthamstow); Surrey v Middlesex (Rosslyn Park); Sussex v Kent (Eastbourne).
9—Oxford University v Cambridge University (Twickenham).
13—Midland Counties West v Australians (Coventry); England v South (trial) (South-West, Glasgow); Edinburgh (Hughenden); South of Scotland v North and Midlands (Melrose); Ulster v Munster (Dublin).
16—Glamorgan Australians (Neath).
20—WALES v AUSTRALIA (Cardiff); England v The Rest (trial) (Twickenham); Connaught v Munster (Galway); Scotland trial (Murrayfield).
27—Cornwall and Devon v Australians (Exeter); Edinburgh v South (Edinburgh); Scottish North and Midlands v Glasgow; RFU club competition: first round to be completed.
30—Combined Services v Australians (Aldershot).

January
5—ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS (Twickenham); Scottish Welsh trial (Cardiff); Irish trial (Dublin).

February
7—FRANCE v ENGLAND (Paris); WALES v SCOTLAND (Cardiff); County championship. Semi-final round.
8—RFU club competition: second round to be completed.
21—IRELAND v WALES (Dublin); SCOTLAND v ENGLAND (Murrayfield); The Army v RAF (Twickenham); Welsh Youth v England Colts (Llanelli).

March
6—ENGLAND v IRELAND (Twickenham); WALES v FRANCE (Cardiff).
7—France B v Scotland B.
13—County championship: final round; Royal Navy v The Army (Twickenham); Wales v England, 16 Group (Cardiff); RFU club competition: quarter-final round.
20—Scotland v FRANCE (Murrayfield); North-West Counties v Australia (Blundellsands); County championship: quarter-final round.
25—Munster v Australians (Cork).
27—IRELAND v AUSTRALIA (Dublin).
28—North East Counties v Australians (Gosforth); Devon v Cornwall (Torquay); Somerset v Gloucestershire (Taunton); Munster v Leinster (Limerick); Cheshire v Lancashire and Westmorland (Sale).
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29—Swansea v Australians (St Helens); Edinburgh v North and Midlands (Edinburgh); Connaught v Ulster (Galway); Kent v Hampshire (Blackheath); Durham v Northumberland (Gateshead Fell); Lancashire v Yorkshire (Vale of Lune).

April
3—RFU club competition: semi-final round; Welsh Secondary Schools v France (Llanelli).
4—Welsh Youth v Welsh Youth.
7—England v Japan, 19 Group (Twickenham).
10—England v Scotland, 19 Group (Hartlepool).
14—England v Wales, 19 Group (Gloucester).
17—France v England, 19 Group.
24—RFU club competition: final round (Twickenham); WRU Challenge Cup: final round (Cardiff).

May
1—Snellings Sevens (Cardiff).
8—Middlesex Sevens finals (Twickenham); WRU National Sevens (Cardiff).

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British Olympic Association tay launched their appeal 00,000 to help send British next year to Innsbruck and al, to help pay their own strative costs and to start mpic preparation fund for mes of 1980 in Moscow.

nael Sparkes, the general ry of the BOA, John King, w chairman of the appeals ttee and Lord Rupert the president of the BOA, d a few words to say on portance of the appeal. Mr felt that nothing could be for an Olympic athlete to n inferiority complex about cking from his own country. ld be a great boost for the of Britain "if we could ccessful in the various ".

the press, clutching hand bout forthcoming financial om Weetabix "the break ood manufacturer", and Wonder "the savoury producer" (total from the 45,000, said Mr Sparkes) all sorts of points ranging corporation tax to the lity of free airline travel r teams to the Games from e other than British s.

BOA, eager to administer and then champagne, kept ight bat against even the st bowling. Tobacco com had not been considered nsors "at the moment" ey were grateful to Roth r previous help and might e this kind of source again ing as it is not done to age the public to smoke but to encourage smokers to And, oh yes, BP had written the whole cost of blicity for the appeal, the relations firm concerned ust getting a straight fee e BOA's own administrative costs were about £35,000 this year but, with inflation, might rise to between £70,000 and £80,000 by 1980.

Thinking about the actual competitors, particularly the youngest, I was more interested in the preparation fund of £40,000 left over from the 1972 appeal. Of this £22,000 has been given to 15 different sports federations but athletics and boxing, to take two major examples, have yet to make known their requirements.

That brought up the matter of the Sports Council who receive a large sum of money to help teams representing this country abroad. I understand that by the time the Olympics begin next July the Sports Council may well have given £1.8 million in backing. But like the BOA itself, the Sports Council have found some governing bodies of sport in this country strangely reluctant to make application for grants.

I believe the officials of some of these national federations are either apathetic or ignorant about the need to prepare many months in advance for the Olympic Games. Of course, it is good to hear that the BOA are determined that up to 470 competitors will go to Innsbruck and Montreal with the best possible kit and equipment.

But then I read, from my red, white and blue leaflet "Golden Wonder this week issued a mighty clarion call to the nation to help our crack sportsmen hammer out gold from the competitive cauldron of next year's Olympics" and wonder whether the call is both too tinny and much too late. After all, the East Germans could tell you the names of many of their 1980 medal winners right *now*. They have been training their young, you see, for a long time and giving them practically every help apart, of course, from "whole wheat cereal with extra vitamins" and "jungle fresh nuts". But then even State sport can't have everything.

ports nut' disturbs formal ture of BOA meeting

hn Hennessy

formal nature of the annual l meeting of the British c Association was disturbed ndon last night when a voice from the north ex I his "deep disenchant . The voice belonged to n Hill, who describes him s a "sports nut" from -in-Furness.

when a bland closure to eting was imminent as Lord peered above his spectacles ch of "any other business" I stood up to announce that nch had lost 30 per cent members in the past 12 , together with a vice an "worth 30 more".

Hill, full of enthusiasm, his branch five years ago nse to a television appeal Sandy Duncan, then secre the BOA and had built it 110 members. The present h, I believe, is substantially an the 70 per cent that Mr ggested to the meeting last He was not one, he said, ggerate.

ay be though that the loss or 60 members, each sub ; £1.50 a year is of trifling importance, set against the appeal launched earlier in the day for half a million pounds, but Mr Hill's experience is duplicated elsewhere and the BOA are so concerned about the trend that a working party has been set up to look into the matter.

The lines of communication between headquarters and member branches is almost non-existent, simply because the money is not available to staff headquarters properly, according to Mr Michael Sparkes, Mr Duncan's successor. That may be so, but one member of the council (and indeed a member of the working party) freely admitted to me last night that the administration was hopelessly out of date.

If there were real life in the body last night's meeting, the last before the Olympic Games at Innsbruck and Montreal next year, would have been a cockpit of debate and, perhaps, dissension. Instead, the whole business was concluded in 20 minutes or so, five of them forced on the meeting by Mr Hill. In raising his voice last night he may have accomplished more than he did when he responded so splendidly to Mr Duncan's siren call in 1970.

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scoe looks back on a rious summer

Allen

Pascoe, yesterday voted of the year" by the Athletics Writers Associa company with Andrea is now taking a well rest from competition beginning the long, slow to next year's Olympics real.

at this time that Pascoe coach, George Tymms, chance to reflect upon metres hurdles races last of which Pascoe won nine 10 and defeated, at one another, all his apparent rs for the Olympic gold his is how the European mmonwealth champion rs each of those vital

—Crystal Palace, 49.1sec. s my hardest of the t was my first run of the d I'd only had two and weeks of training after from a virus. I ought to d more confidence in t I didn't run well on the ight."

—Dresden. 50.1sec. "A n for points against the nans. I had intended to but it just didn't click. had done enough speed was all effort, I just ooth over the first 200 about my injury and thinking it might not hold out. I wasn't very confident at all, I felt pain coming off the last bend, I wasn't concentrating enough. Yes, I'm glad I ran and glad I lost, even though I was choked at the time, because it was both a lesson to me and it also showed the public the fine edge between a fine performance and just struggling."

August 16, Nice. 49sec. "I went there not deciding until August 12th that I could run. I was very frightened, I ran scared, not technically good though it was great to win. I was so tense I was ragged. Coming off the ninth hurdle I deliberately thought about a British reporter who'd suggested I shouldn't be selected because of injury. I'd been pressing Nallet, of France, and going up to the 10th I heard him grunt and then I heard him hit the hurdle. But the pressure beforehand was terrible. I don't like thinking about it much even now."

August 20, Zurich. 48.7sec. "The best run of the season. I was much looser to the fifth hurdle, none of the Nice pressure, my best first five hurdles all season. I could see Bolding all the time, it was the only race he was drawn outside me. I was with him at the seventh and there was a huge crowd, about 25,000 roaring away. A smashing meeting."

—Helsinki. 49.3sec. "A Akii-Bua, Mann and were all there. Bolding ptionally fast over the hurdles. I though after his one that the time was worth about 48.6sec was windy and cold."

— Stockholm. 48.6sec. ise fine, on a tight ack. I beat Bolding by edths of a second. Very very hard. It showed me was capable of. I ran m all the way down the ight and I was still a n with five to go. It me in one way, ne in another. Next felt hamstring pain for me."

August 24.—Crystal Palace. 50.05sec. "The Russian match. Terrible race. I made the wrong decision on my stride pattern. But I didn't get up for this one mentally. I was lazy. I never really panic but I was sweating a bit off the seventh when I saw Bill [Hartley] was five or six yards up but it was more than my life was worth to get beaten at that time. I had quite a lactic [acid] build up and it hurt a lot afterwards."

August 29. — Crystal Palace. 48.85sec. "I was outside Bolding and it never seemed quite as desperate as it apparently did to those watching when he went off so fast. In fact I had my best changedown to 14 strides, of the whole season. Once we got to the eighth hurdle I knew the Crystal Palace crowd—it sounds conceited but I almost think of it as "my" crowd—would lift me. You can sometimes even hear just one voice stand out, perhaps my wife or Rex, the wind gauge operator. Plans for the Olympics? Not for a while. I'm just having a break and thinking about all that I learned last summer."

rystal Palace, 48.9sec. pleasing run and within e of the top four races the season—after all I Bua and, as he's the champion and world der I have the greatest him."

—Gateshead, 49.8sec. o Akii-Bua. I was pre nove house, I was tired at up there concerned

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maining in the big races mp on October 5 are:

rc de Triomphe

El Toro, On My Way, ke of Marmalade, Son of tway, Sir Tristram, Card Buck, Riboquill, Crash do, Un Kopeck, Lord Udo, epid Hero, Outdoor, Shady abliu, My Brief, Charlie ace Balthazar, Star Appeal, more, Dahlia, Ambrolilia, Loir, Hurry Harriet, dy's Princess, Allez France, vereign, Sea Break, Good rs, Caribo, Monde Soyeux, Sea Anchor, Diode, Nuthatch, Olmeto, Consol, Henri le Balafre, Citoyen, Carolus, Bruni, Patch, l'Ensorceleur, Green Dancer, Top Gear, Irish Star, Kasteel, Light Duty, Adieu, Amate, Carnauba, Nobiliary, Ivanjica.

Prix de l'Opera

Lianga, Welsh Game, Odisea, Carnauba, Nobiliary, Miralla, Comtesse de Loir, Roussalka, Thalassa, Vagabonde, Ruydelie, Ivanjica, Paulista, Hamada, Donna Cressida, Infra Green, Alannya, Joking Apart, Dona Barod, Nice Blue, Diala, Rose Bowl, Silver Bells, Lighted Glory, Dark Hill, Adieu, Amate.

Racing

Marquis de Sade cut above average

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Although the connexions of Wollow might disagree, there is a feeling that is pretty widespread in this country at present that we have not seen a good two-year-old here this year in the true sense. In Ireland, though, the talk is different. There, Vincent O'Brien is thought to hold all the aces and, with four unbeaten colts—Niebo, Malinowski, Louboff and Sir Wimborne—in his stable, his team does look undeniably strong.

However, only when they have ventured further afield will we in this country really be able to gauge the strength of his hand. For that reason, O'Brien's decision to run Sir Wimborne in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot on Saturday is a particularly pleasing development. Sir Wimborne has won both his races, the last of which was the National Stakes at the Curragh, a race that has often fallen into the pattern of good horses. Sir Wimborne is by Sir Ivor with whom O'Brien did exceptionally well. Sir Ivor is making a bigger name for himself as a stallion in Europe than he is in the United States, where he stands on the Clayborne Farm.

The Solario Stakes winner Over To You, Galway Bay, who was unbeaten until he was outpaced by Music Boy in the Gimcrack Stakes, Amboise, Ormeley and Whistlefield, who won his last race at Newbury so easily, have also stood their ground for the Royal Lodge Stakes which promises to be an informative race. The seven acceptors for the Queen Elizabeth Stakes at yesterday's four-day forfeit stage were: Bolkonski, Anne's Pretender, Court Chad, Dominion, Gay Fandango, Rose Bowl and Sudden Glory.

Those who were patient enough to wait to see the last race at Lingfield Park yesterday and put up with an irritating drizzle, were rewarded for their pains with what was probably the best race of the day. It may not have been the best race in terms of excitement—the finish of the Capel Handicap probably laid claim to that—but I believe that it concerned the best horses. The Ashurst Plate was the race in question and it was confined to two-year-olds that had not run.

Beforehand, rumours leaked out that Marquis de Sade and Free State were both regarded highly in their respective stables and that they would both probably show themselves to be a cut above average. And so it proved. The two colts in question dominated the betting beforehand and the race itself. Starting at 6-5, Marquis de Sade was the favourite, preferred narrowly in the ring to Free State at 13-8. This was a fair reflection of what was to follow with Marquis de Sade beating Free State by two lengths, with the others somewhat adrift.

Marquis de Sade is a particularly nice brown colt by Queen's Hussar and out of a half sister to Lorenzaccio, who carried Mr Charles St.George's colours so successfully in his heyday. No wonder Mr St. George was keen to buy Marquis de Sade when he was offered for sale as a yearling. I may be wrong, but I have a feeling that he has struck gold yet again. Marquis de Sade is a beautiful mover and his trainer, Ryan Price, is adamant that he is a good horse in the making. Probably Free State, who is well thought of, was not disgraced in being beaten two lengths.

Incidentally, Peter Richards, who manages Mr St. George's racing interests in this country, and who himself has a half share in Bruni, their winner of the St Leger, confirmed that Tony Murray will be riding Bruni in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Mr Richards dismissed the rumours that had come out of France after the weekend that Murray would be replaced by Lester Piggott. Richards told me that both he and St George have given Murray their word that he will be riding Bruni for them.

The Malthouse Plate, which began the afternoon, was marred by the accident which befell Guipure. Running in what could so easily have been her last race before she retired to stud, Guipure was pulled up after only two furlongs by Patrick Eddery when he felt her leg go. When it was realized that her off-fore pastern had shattered in much the same way that Dibidale's had done at Newbury a month earlier, Guipure was put down. It was felt that the injury was so serious that even one so well bred—she was a half sister to Magic Flute by Crepello—could not be saved for her owner, Lord Howard de Walden's stud. A bitter blow, indeed.

Her race was won by Bines Bridge, who justified all the encouraging things that our Newmarket correspondent said about her. She rallied for Geoffrey Lewis first to catch Fall To Pieces and then hold Magnetic at bay. Lewis also won the Rudgwick Handicap on Calibina. John Reid was taken to hospital after this race for an X-ray examination on his left arm, having fallen from Chukaroo soon after the start.

The thought that Lei was still well handicapped in the Southborough Nursery Handicap, even though her weight had been increased by the penalty that she picked up when she won her previous race at Salisbury, was borne out when she won her race yesterday with the greatest of ease. Ron Hutchinson barely had to move on this filly, and I will be surprised if the handicapper did not note that she appeared to have much more in hand than the bare verdict of a length and a half might suggest.

It was nice to see the diligent Newmarket trainer, Brian Lunness, who was Bruce Hobbs's travelling head lad for so long, win the Capel Handicap with Piccadilly Etta. Lunness's first choice to ride his filly was Frank Durr. After that he wanted Joe Mercer. But when neither was available—Durr was suffering from influenza and Mercer was nursing the injuries he sustained falling at Bath on Monday, Lunness resorted to Eddery. I suppose that it could be said that the champion jockey is not a bad third choice. That was certainly the case.

The late John Sutcliffe, who was so instrumental in the saving of Lingfield Park and who became its first chairman after Ladbrokes had bought it, sadly did not live long enough to see his ideas develop. But he will not be forgotten at Lingfield, where the John Sutcliffe Trophy Nursery is being staged in his memory for the first time. It is the most valuable race of its type in this country and just the sort of race that he would have loved to win. His son, John, is relying on Prima Magi, but she can be given only a slim chance.

Our Newmarket correspondent thinks that Huntsman's Leap will be hard to beat if he does on the course what he has been doing at home.

STATE OF GOING (official): Devon: Firm. Perth: Good to firm. Beverley: Firm (watering). Lingfield Park: Good. Ascot (tomorrow): Good to firm.

How Spoofer gave his trainer last laugh

By Michael Seely

It is gratifying to know that in racing it is not always money that buys success. There is often the exception to prove the rule. The narrow victory of Spoofer in the second division of the Ashby Selling Plate at Leicester yesterday afternoon gave the Newmarket trainer, Gerry Blum, his 13th success of the season.

Yesterday's winner was bought by Blum at the Newmarket sales this July for only 200 guineas. His other three individual scorers—Short Reign, Venus of Stretham and Rapid Pass—cost, respectively, 500, 200 and 350 guineas. Between them these four animals have collected £6,616 from an original purchase price of 1,250 guineas. In addition Venus of Stretham was beaten only a length in a £6,000 race in Milan. Rapid Pass is better known as a hurdler. Last season he finished second in the Yellow Pages Hurdle at Kempton Park before taking a valuable sponsored race at Stratford-on-Avon.

Another stable that has struck form recently is that of Ron Mason. When Baligreat beat Beau Dutch in a driving finish for the Kegworth Plate it was the sixth winner that the Guilsborough trainer has saddled in the past 10 days. Baligreat is owned by John Edmonds, a builder from Northampton. Mr Edmonds gave only 400 guineas for the Great Nephew filly as a yearling and 660 guineas for Hot Belle, who won a selling race at Liverpool in July. Mason had booked Paul Cook to ride Baligreat, but, in his absence, the ride was given to "Taffy" Thomas. Reluctantly, Mason had not considered the two-year-old to be a suitable ride for the stable apprentice, William Higgins.

Earlier in the afternoon Higgins had won the Charnwood Claiming Stakes for his master on Tantalos. Higgins now has the remarkable record of having ridden five winners in his last nine rides. His run of succes started at the St Leger meeting when, after taking an apprentice race on Supermoll, he won an award given by the sponsors for the most stylish rider.

Another young rider who was sen to great edavantage yesterday was Declan Gillespie, who kept Shore Captain beautiful balanced when running out a narrow winner of the Nanpantan Handicap. The champion apprentice of Ireland in 1973, Gillespie is now with John Dunlop who trains yesterday's winner for Sandy Struthers. Mr Struthers is well known as one of the luckiest owners in racing. Mount Athos, Scottish Rifle and Pitcairn are all animals that have carried his colours with distinction.

The first division of the selling race was won by the favourite, Monk's Chant, trained by Peter Robinson. Monk's Chant was partnered by Paddy Young, now firmly established in the lead for the Crown Plus Two apprentice championship. With only three rounds left, Young is well clear of last year's winner, John Matthias. Robinson has laid out three horses specially for the remaining races, Five Card Stud for Redcar, Examount for Haydock Park and Brompton Square for the final round at York.

Lingfield Park programme

2.0 LIDO LADIES RACE (£584 : 7f 140yd)

1 402231 Lunariver (W. Jones), P. Robinson, 5-10-5 .. Miss J. Gibson 3
2 111120 Branded (Mrs N. Fenton), S. Mellor, 4-10-0 .. Mrs E. Mellor 5
3 10000-3 Capuccio (L. Hooper), J. Gifford, 4-10-0 .... Miss A. Gifford 2
4 C0f000 Compensation Year (R. Bennett), E. Reavey, 7-10-0 Mrs J. Reavey 4
7 000000 Grand Orient (R. Sturdy), Sturdy, 4-10-0 .... Mrs J. Young 6
8 00-2000 Il Magnifico (D. Bryans), H. Westbrook, 4-10-0 Miss J. Woodward 5 17
9 000012 Loughboro' George (R. Sturdy), Sturdy, 6-10-0 Miss J. Eade 1
10 0000 No Trespass (Miss J. Cunningham), I. Dudgeon, 8-10-0 Miss J. Penn 15
11 001220 Welsh Dragon (Mrs T. Cates), T. Gates, 7-10-0 .. Mrs S. Darr 12
12 024031 Evros River (M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 3-9-12 Miss J. Feilden 18
15 000000 Best Endeavour (Mrs J. Gough), P. Haslam, 3-9-7 Mrs P. Greenwood 14
16 100033 Charlie M (Mrs B. Chandler), M. Masson, 3-9-7 Miss S. Hogan 9
20 000-000 Jackie's Lad (R. Goodfellow), J. O'Donoghue, 3-9-7 Miss F. Krall 19
22 4-00020 Magic Note (S. Ashby), D. Keith, 3-9-7 .. Mrs J. Grimes 11
24 0000 Belle of Aberdeen (S. Hunt), P. Cole, 3-9-4 Miss B. Saunders 7
26 003430 Skibo (J. Blackwell), S. Supple, 3-9-4 .. Miss C. Blackwell 13
27 0-00000 Sovereign Bracelet (M. Blackburn), D. Keith, 3-9-4 Miss M. Wills 3 8
29 01-3310 Tribulation (C) (R. Bilborough), M. Prescott, 3-9-4 Miss R. Beaumont 3 10
30 100220 Winged Typhoon (Miss G. Shaddock), M. Masson, 3-9-4 Miss V. Alford 16

3-1 Lunariver, 4-1 Branded, 9-2 Evros River, 7-1 Capuccio, 8-1 Il Magnifico, 10-1 Welsh Dragon, 12-1 Charlie M, Winged Typhoon, 16-1 Tribulation, 20-1 others.

2.30 HARTFIELD PLATE (£690 : 1½m)

1 300100 Court Dancer (Mrs R. Strudwick), P. Cole, 4-10-0 R. Edmondson 4
3 00 Muschio (Dr U. Aletti), H. Cecil, 3-9-3 .... G. Lewis 2
6 042220 Bigribo (C) (Lady Beaverbrook), W. Hern, 4-9-0 .. P. Eddery 3
7 411-042 Laurentian Hills (D) (Mrs J. Bryce), R. Armstrong, 5-9-0 L. Piggott 9
9 0-04034 Prominent (CD) (P. Wright), J. Bethell, 8-9-0 .. I. Johnson 3 10
11 430231- Feather Top (D) (D. Underwood), Underwood, 4-8-11 A. Murray 1
13 202-300 Riboreen (CD) (D. Prenn), J. Winter, 4-8-11 B. Taylor 8
19 300013 Lynwood Sovereign (J. Hill), C. Brittain, 3-8-0 .. W. Carson 5
21 00 Craigie Burn (Brig J. Clabby), D. Rayson, 3-7-10 P. Young 5 7
22 00000 Priory Lad (Mrs J. Backhouse), J. O'Donoghue, 3-7-10 R. Wernham 5 6

15-8 Laurentian Hills, 7-2 Muschio, 5-1 Bigribo, 7-1 Riboreen, 8-1 Prominent, 10-1 Court Dancer, 12-1 Lynwood Sovereign, 30-1 others.

3.0 TILBURSTOW HANDICAP (3-y-o : £1,934 : 1¼m)

1 1-30344 Flame Tree (C) (J. Hambro), B. Hobbs, 9-7 .... G. Baxter 6
2 1-12020 Royal Sensation (Mrs C. Bingham), P. Walwyn, 9-7 P. Eddery 4
3 210003 Noble Bay (CD) (Mrs H. Joel), G. Harwood, 9-4 G. Starkey 5
4 130420 Majoroy (CD) (A. Kennedy), A. Breasley, 8-11 L. Piggott 1
5 10-0030 Desert Flame (R. Moller), H. Wragg, 8-8 .... P. Cook 3
8 11-0344 Estructura (Dr J. Hernandez), G. P-Gordon, 8-3 D. Maitland 5

9-4 Royal Sensation, 11-4 Flame Tree, 4-1 Noble Bay, 6-1 Estructura, 8-1 Majoroy, 10-1 Desert Flame.

3.30 NUTFIELD PLATE (2-y-o fillies : £414 : 5f)

1 April Magic (S. Ashby), D. Keith, 8-11 .... P. Perkins 16
2 000 Aquilus (C. Bewicke), Bewicke, 8-11 .... J. Naleya 7 10
3 0000 Beaumont Belle (Lord Fairhaven), R. Jarvis, 8-11 M. L. Thomas 9
7 4 Eugenie (J. Houlahan), R. Houghton, 8-11 .... L. Piggott 5
9 030 Gay Minnie (R. Brooks), T. Jones, 8-11 .... P. Waldron 12
10 Grand Golda (C. Gaventa), R. Smyth, 8-11 I. Jenkinson 5 6
13 00030 Liquidity (Mrs M. Johnston), T. Gosling, 8-11 .... B. Jago 19
16 30 Mary Garden (E. Frankel), M. Stoute, 8-11 .... G. Starkey 14
17 0 Melantino (Mrs D. Fletcher), B. Swift, 8-11 E. J. Gray 7 13
19 0 Nikali (H. Taylor), R. Akehurst, 8-11 .... P. Cheese 5 2
20 023220 Noble Memory (J. Swift), B. Swift, 8-11 .... P. Cook 7
21 3000 Preference (Sir G. Glover), T. Waugh, 8-11 .. M. Kettle 1
22 240 Ralfia (Mrs D. Mackinnon), P. Walwyn, 8-11 .. P. Eddery 3
23 00 Red Bandel (S. Lester), R. Akehurst, 8-11 .... G. Baxter 8
24 0000 Sorin (J. Richmond-Watson), G. Smyth, 8-11 G. Ramshaw 21
25 0 Setallia (S. Weal), P. Walwyn, 8-11 .... C. Williams 15
26 000 Ship's Bell (A. Joy), B. Swift, 8-11 .... G. Lewis 20
27 3 Trigamy (Dr B. Feigar), H. Price, 8-11 .... A. Murray 4
31 03 Walnut Trail (Dr T. Classen), J. Winter, 8-11 .... B. Taylor 17
32 0 Zander (I. Kemberg), B. van Cutsem, 8-11 .... W. Carson 13
33 0 Ziobia (C. Bewicke), Bewicke, 8-11 .... J. Reid 5 11

11-4 Trigamy, 7-3 Eugenie, 4-1 Walnut Trail, 6-1 Zander, 8-1 Ralfia, 10-1 Noble Memory, Mary Garden, 16-1 others.

4.0 JOHN SUTCLIFFE HANDICAP (2-y-o : £4,099 : 7f)

3 03123 Piper (D) (J. Berry), I. Balding, 8-13 .... G. Lewis 12
7 10312 Tanella (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-11 .... B. Raymond 2
12 1220 Corrib (Mrs F. Glazebrook), P. Walwyn, 8-6 .... P. Eddery 8
13 3321 Melion (Mrs O. Fox-Pitt), R. Armstrong, 8-6 .... L. Piggott 6
14 141 Asa Yolson (J. Tarbuck), D. Marks, 8-4 .... G. Baxter 4
15 0231 Private Line (D) (R. Young), C. Brittain, 8-4 .. I. Johnson 3 1
16 034012 Obstacle (M. Wyatt), H. Candy, 8-2 .... P. Waldron 3
17 000320 Back One Eleven (Mrs A. Whiteside), R. Hannon, 8-1 F. Durr 10
18 0141 Balidon (A. Penfold), S. Woodman, 8-1 .... P. Cook 13
19 21001 Heaven Knows (D) (G. Pritchard-Gordon), R. Smyth, 8-1 T. Cain 3 14
21 014000 Prima Magi (F. Watson), J. Sutcliffe, 7-13 .... R. Fox 3 7
22 4202 Konrad (Mrs C. Bowen-Colthurst), B. Hills, 7-13 .... — 11
23 220130 Night Club (C) (K. Williamson), C. Dingwall, 7-9 M. L. Thomas 15
24 010 Huntsman's Leap (Lord Derby), B. van Cutsem, 7-8 W. Carson 9
27 03301 Flying Colours (D) (Mrs J. Thomson), W. Wightman, 7-7 C. Rodrigues 5 6

5-1 Melion, 6-1 Piper, 13-2 Tanella, 7-1 Asa Yolson, 8-1 Heaven Knows, Balidon, 10-1 Private Line, Konrad, 13-1 Corrib, 14-1 Prima Magi, 16-1 Back One Eleven, Huntsman's Leap, 20-1 others.

4.30 WOLDINGHAM HANDICAP (£591 : 1¼m)

2 230000- Ian's Choice (D) (V. Matthews), R. Jarvis, 7-9-1 .. — 6
3 34-1024 Monsieur Spock (D) (Mrs H. Pitt), A. Pitt, 8-9-1 .. B. Jago 12
6 421102 Dred Scott (Mrs D. Hewitt), W. Hern, 3-9-0 .. P. Eddery 10
9 211422 Great Balcony (D) (A. Yermakov), H. Wragg, 3-8-11 L. Piggott 7
11 12-0223 Petwood (R. Lamb), R. Jarvis, 4-8-9 .... M. L. Thomas 9
12 003320 Spanish Lantern (D) (C. Sheppard), M. Goswell, 4-8-8 K. E. Smith 7 15
15 0 Nagaraja (J. Charlton), R. Hannon, 7-8-8 .... F. Durr 5
17 402130 Fair Camilla (J. Mankoy), P. Cole, 7-8-4 .... D. Dinoley 7 11
18 00-0003 Young Robert (D) (N. Fowler), P. Ashworth, 5-8-4 P. Cook 8
19 0200- Le Bal Musette (A. Pierce), D. Underwood, 4-8-2 .. G. Lewis 4
20 102100 Mythical Lady (D. Toomey), R. Smyth, 3-8-2 .. P. Cheese 5 1
21 0421 Royal Russet (Lord Harrington), J. Hindley, 3-8-1 A. Kimberley 14
22 031-000 Hard Attack (R. Heaton), H. Price, 3-8-1 ...... A. Murray 3
25 200-140 Samos Tan (Mrs S. Willis), R. Armstrong, 4-7-12 W. Carson 2
26 0- Gunner Smith (G. Plowes), R. Smyth, 5-7-7 I. Jenkinson 5 15

5-2 Dred Scott, 11-4 Great Balcony, 5-1 Petwood, 6-1 Royal Russet, 8-1 Spanish Lantern, 10-1 Monsieur Spock, 12-1 Fair Camilla, 20-1 others.

5.0 KNOLE PLATE (2-y-o : £690 : 7f)

4 41 Dutch Treat (Mrs H. Van der Ploeg), H. Price, 8-11 A. Murray 4
9 00 Farmer's Glory (Mrs C. Milam), T. Jones, 8-8 .. G. Baxter 17
11 43 King Ocar (Mrs K. Leonard), M. Masson, 8-8 .. L. Piggott 11
13 000 Lord Elect (R. Moody), J. Sutcliffe, 8-8 .... B. Rouse 12
14 00 Our Anniversary (Mrs E. Hogard), R. Smyth, 8-8 T. Cain 3 3
15 0004 Past History (Mrs J. Maples), R. Smyth, 8-8 .... P. Cheese 5 9
17 00 Sambrook (Mrs D. Garratt), R. Akehurst, 8-8 .... M. Kettle 2
20 00 Uncle Joe (C. Russell), J. Johnson, 8-8 .... B. Taylor 16
21 0 Black Sabbath (P. Meehan), M. Francis, 8-5 .... — 1
22 Gay Hunter (P. Pritchard), B. Swift, 8-5 .... P. Cook 13
23 Gollywog (R. Poole), M. Smyly, 8-5 .... B. Jago 5
25 Imperialist (Sir J. Musker), I. Balding, 8-5 .... G. Lewis 10
26 Isolate (Dr J. Chandler), P. Walwyn, 8-5 .... P. Eddery 6
27 Jimmy The Singer (Mrs S. Bates), B. Lunness, 8-5 G. Starkey 14
30 030230 Saint Motunde (Dr C. Norman-Williams), S. Woodman, 8-5 R. Fox 3 15
32 Turnpike (Mrs J. McDougald), I. Balding, 8-5 .. P. Waldron 7
33 Popel's Poppet (V. Lawson), M. Haynes, 8-2 .. G. Ramshaw 8

4-5 Dutch Treat, 5-1 Isolate, 6-1 King Ocar, 8-1 Turnpike, 10-1 Gay Hunter, 12-1 Imperialist, 20-1 others.

Lingfield Park selections

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2.0 Lunariver. 2.30 Laurentian Hills. 3.0 Royal Sensation. 3.30 TRIGAMY is specially recommended. 4.0 Huntsman's Leap. 4.30 Great Balcony. 5.0 Dutch Treat.

Beverley programme

2.15 DRIFFIELD STAKES (£561 : 5f)

5 000-000 Carnival Prince (D) (Mrs J. Stephenson), D. Williams, 4-9-5 S. Charlton 7 6
7 0000-0 Lord Chad (D) (A. Knapp), I. Walker, 4-9-5 .... O. Gray 12
8 000000 Toutonic (Mrs J. Pulleyn), R. Bastiman, 4-9-5 .... — 1
9 241-00 Bold Saint (D) (P. Buckley), Buckley, 3-9-5 ...... E. Hide 3
11 0-00000 Garn (G. Williams), A. Jones, 3-9-5 .... — 11
14 420130 White Emperor (P. Taylor), R. Hollinshead, 3-9-5 T. Ives 5
15 000- Anne Jane (Miss E. Emmott), J. Mulhall, 5-9-2 .. R. Cronin 2
17 2230-02 Viking Sonnet (K. Ovale), P. Cole, 4-9-2 .... J. Lynch 4
18 004000 Eve (D) (C. Tobbs), T. Molony, 3-9-0 .... G. Sexton 10
19 00 Forever Faithful (Mrs M. Baldwin), W. Murray, 3-9-0 M. Nuttall 7 13
20 0-000u0 Grinton (E. Gibson), P. Metcalfe, 3-9-0 .... — 14
22 0-40020 Nashville Lady (Mrs L. Payne), K. Payne, 3-9-0 A. Cousins 7
28 004232 Isomer (J. Wakefield), P. Makin, 3-8-9 .... E. Eldin 8
30 04203 Pool Money (J. Hardy), Hardy, 2-8-0 .... C. Moss 4
38 004 Superpack (G. Turner), W. A. Stephenson, 2-7-9 S. Webster 5 15
39 0000 Roadshow (Mrs G. Swinbank), W. A. Stephenson, 2-7-6 — 16

7-2 Viking Sonnet, 9-2 Eve, 11-2 Superpack, 6-1 Nashville Lady, 13-2 Pool Money, 7-1 Isomer, 10-1 White Emperor, 14-1 Bold Saint, 16-1 others.

2.45 WILLERBY PLATE (2-y-o maiden fillies : £346 : 1m)

3 0 Amba Princess (C. Marler), H. Cecil, 8-11 .... A. Bond 2
5 0000 Apple Princess (H. Price), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 .... T. Ives 19
6 Arncliffe Maid (L. Norman), J. Calvert, 8-11 .... — 10
7 002 August (Exors of the late R. Watson), H. Candy, 8-11 J. Lynch 5
9 00 Bestie Up (Mrs R. Heaton), E. Weymes, 8-11 A. Barclay 8
10 Coal Bag Kate (Lord Halifax), J. Oxley, 8-11 .... E. Hide 3
15 040 Ivory Girl (J. Astor), Astor, 8-11 .... E. Eldin 15
19 00 Jetwitch (R. Rowbottom), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 J. Skilling 16
22 004 Kilcarne Park (Mrs P. Carolan), M. H. Easterby, 8-11 M. Birch 9
23 Laura Rose (H. Law), K. Whitehead, 8-11 .... J. Skilling 11
25 00000 Little Charmer (A. Smith), Smith, 8-11 .... — 7
26 Lovesome Hill (Mrs J. Hodgson), Miss S. Hall, 8-11 J. Seagrave 6
29 000 Matsui (K. MacPherson), T. Craig, 8-11 .... — 18
34 0000 Pay Roll (M. Geraghty), J. Etherington, 8-11 .... L. Brown 1
35 022000 Pickwood Sue (H. Pickering), J. Leigh, 8-11 .... — 13
36 00033 Princess Pie Eye (Lord Leverhulme), R. Houghton, 8-11 F. Morby 12
38 Rates a Nap (J. Hardy), Hardy, 8-11 .... C. Moss 14
39 0 Sari Princess (D. Kelly), W. Gray, 8-11 .... — 4
40 Secret Isle (I. Stilbred), J. Etherington, 8-11 .. C. Dwyer 17

6-4 August, 7-2 Amba Princess, 7-1 Ivory Girl, 8-1 Princess Pie Eye, 10-1 Jetwich, 12-1 Kilcarne Park, 16-1 Coal Bag Kate, Pickwood Sue, 20-1 others.

3.15 LEVEN HANDICAP (2-y-o : £672 : 1m)

3 303 Luela (Mrs N. Murless), N. Murless, 8-11 ...... A. Barclay 1
4 031 Petit Eclair (Mrs W. Jones), Doug Smith, 8-10 .. T. McKeown 3
5 41034 Divine Night (Mrs R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 8-10 9
7 00211 Stilton (D) (A. Smith), N. Callaghan, 8-10 .. C. Nutter 7 7
8 003210 Sabala (M. Gordon-Watson), H. Candy, 8-9 .... J. Lynch 5
9 141212 Shukran (Mrs H. Wild), M. W. Easterby, 8-8 .... E. Hide 6
13 002213 Huntercombe Lad (J. Cooper), K. Whitehead, 7-11 A. Bond 4
14 30100 Short Term (J. Hardy), Hardy, 7-11 .... C. Moss 8
19 0040 Hornet (T. Craig), Craig, 7-0 .... D. McKay 6
22 0200 Kimloe (E. Moore), D. Plant, 7-0 .... M. Wigham 7 10

9-4 Stilton, 7-2 Shukran, 5-1 Petit Eclair, 11-2 Luela, 7-1 Divine Night, 12-1 Sabala, 16-1 Huntercombe Lad, 20-1 others.

3.45 BURTON AGNES STAKES (3-y-o : £540 : 2m)

5 322101 La Meme (D) (J. Astor), Astor, 9-0 .... E. Eldin 8
6 010014 Mistress Clare (D) (Mrs J. McDougald), I. Balding, 9-0 J. Matthias 5 5
8 021110 Regal Step (Mrs B. Firestone), R. Houghton, 9-0 .. F. Morby 9
9 00-4100 Camarina (Sir J. Musker), W. Elsey, 8-11 .. S. Salmon 5 1
13 3-30000 Mary McQuaker (C) (W. Stoker), W. Gray, 8-11 E. Apter 3
14 0012 Pavement Artist (H. Jones), Thomson Jones, 8-11 E. Hide 7
15 101421 Maria Alexandria (G. Ring), H. Cecil, 9-0 .... A. Bond 2
20 00040-0 Sweet Dough (Mrs M. Yeil), P. Buckley, 8-7 .. O. Gray 6
21 0 Tiger Feet (T. Littleton), T. Fairhurst, 8-7 .. S. Webster 5 4

2-1 Maria Alexandria, 9-4 Mistress Clare, 5-1 La Meme, 11-2 Regal Step, 7-1 Pavement Artist, 16-1 Camarina, 25-1 others.

4.15 CHERRY BURTON HANDICAP (£411 : 1¼m)

2 030030 Alaska Highway (C) (E. Penser), R. Jarvis, 6-9-10 E. Eldin 2
3 210300 Court Circus (D) (R. Muddle), B. Hanbury, 5-9-9 .... — 5
6 00-0000 Priddy Nice (C) (P. Asquith), L. Shedden, 4-8-6 .... — 6
7 4104-21 Night Nurse (D) (R. Spencer), M. H. Easterby, 4-8-6 J. Seagrave 3
10 042203 Triple (D) (J. Whitehouse), R. Hollinshead, 5-8-2 K. Lewis 5 1
15 410000 Archetto (CD) (Mrs J. Hardy), J. Hardy, 5-8-1 C. Moss 4

15-8 Night Nurse, 100-30 Triple, 4-1 Court Circus, 9-2 Alaska Highway, 10-1 Archetto, 25-1 Priddy Nice.

4.45 ARRAM APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£434 : 5f)

6 3-00130 Piercing Note (J. Roebling), I. Balding, 3-8-8 .. J. Matthias 1
7 222012 Marcus Game (W. Sowerby), W. A. Stephenson, 5-8-8 T. Davies 9
8 110024 Silver Tinkle (D) (S. Joel), M. H. Easterby, 3-8-6 T. O'Ryan 13
9 000030 Catch O'The Season (Exors of the late Mrs K. Welthag), R. Armstrong, 3-8-5 M. Miller 7 14
10 024400 Alarm Call (D) (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 5-8-3 .. S. Eccles 7
13 200030 Relative Ease (D) (J. Mansford), T. Fairhurst, 4-8-1 J. Bleasdale 7 6
15 210000 Hard Held (CD) (J. Wilson), W. Gray, 3-7-12 S. Webster 10
16 0003-40 Sally Jane (D) (Miss E. Emmott), J. Mulhall, 6-7-11 C. Nutter 7 8
20 013323 Carnival Sovereign (D) (Mrs C. Shaw), E. Weymes, 8-7-9 W. Higgins 11
21 013-000 Gesters Folly (D) (G. Thornton), P. Metcalfe, 5-7-8 .. — 4
24 000300 Canny Fella (D) (B. Morfoot), R. Bastiman, 5-7-7 .. — 3
25 022241 Bower Club (CD) (A. Balding), Balding, 5-7-7 S. Salmon 5 2
27 304440 Atrek (E. Collingwood), Collingwood, 8-7-7 S. Woolley 7 12
29 400013 Deva Rose (D) (Mrs P. Sherwin), R. Hollinshead, 5-7-7 M. Wigham 7 5

5-1 Bower Club, 4-1 Marcus Game, 11-2 Piercing Note, 6-1 Silver Tinkle, 8-1 Catch O'The Season, 10-1 Carnival Sovereign, Deva Rose, 12-1 Alarm Call, 14-1 others.

5.15 WEEL HANDICAP (£483 : 1m)

1 Calzado (N. Fox), J. Calvert, 7-9-7 .... — 5
2 112200 Cornfluence (D) (W. Carrick), W. Haigh, 4-9-6 .... T. Ives 4
5 031602 Multiple (D) (Mrs D. Thompson), S. Wainwright, 5-9-3 J. Seagrave 2
7 003400 Gambela (D) (J. Wilson), W. Gray, 4-8-11 .... E. Apter 3
9 311303 King's Honour (CD) (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 3-8-10 J. Matthias 5 7
15 00- Summercense (W. Bayston), M. H. Easterby, 4-8-3 M. Birch 8
21 044213 Drury Lane (D) (Sir J. Musker), W. Elsey, 3-7-8 S. Salmon 5 6
25 002003 Confident Girl (H. Brown), E. Collingwood, 5-7-7 C. Eccleston 1

7-4 Drury Lane, 11-4 Multiple, 9-2 King's Honour, 8-1 Confident Girl, 10-1 Gambela, 14-1 Confluence, 16-1 others.

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2.15 Isomer. 2.45 Princess Pie Eye. 3.15 Shukran. 3.45 La Meme. 4.15 NIGHT NURSE is specially recommended. 4.45 Marcus Game. 5.15 Drury Lane.

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2.45 Amba Princess. 3.15 Petit Eclair. 3.45 Maria Alexandria. 4.15 Court Circus. 4.45 Catch O' The Season.

Perth selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.30 Hello Louis. 3.0 Duffle Coat. 3.30 Pub Crawl. 4.0 Collingwood. 4.30 Aunt Bertha. 5.0 Chan.

Devon and Exeter selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Lord Galliard. 2.45 Gummers How. 3.15 Reich Mark. 3.45 Maniphe. 4.15 Mac's Birthday. 4.45 Even Choice.

Perth NH programme

2.30 SCONE HURDLE (£272 : 2m)

1 p00- Burning Bush, K. Oliver, 5-11-12 .... Mr Mackie 7
2 2 Epineuse, G. Fairbairn, 6-11-12 .... P. Broderick
3 0204-00 Hello Louis, W. Pane, 5-11-12 .... P. Ennis
5 0400-43 Sovereign Gold, J. Berry, 5-11-12 .... —
6 3300- *Spring Lils, W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-12 .... —
7 20000-0 Broomstone, M. Naughton, 4-11-6 .... B. Powell 5
8 p0- Clyde Valley, W. Young, 4-11-6 .... T. Keegans 7
13 0-0 Queensway, H. Blackshaw, 4-11-6 .... M. Blackshaw
11 Quick Result, W. A. Stephenson, 4-11-6 .... T. Stack
17 402-0 Whistlers Boy, G. Richards, 4-11-6 .... J. O'Neill

6-4 Epineuse, 11-4 Sovereign Gold, 5-1 Whistlers Boy, 7-1 Queensway, 10-1 Burning Bush, 12-1 Hello Louis, 14-1 others.

3.0 TAMEROSIA STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £771 : 2m)

2 100214- London Express (CD), C. Bell, 7-12-1 .... M. Barnes
3 11000-2 Duffle Coat (D), J. Berry, 7-10-13 .... M. Dickinson
6 04221- Wyse Hill (D), Denys Smith, 8-10-1 .... A. Dickman
7 12 Kelly Kos (CD), W. Crawford, 9-10-0 .... L. Lungo
9 314-013 Tockwith (D), W. Page, 9-10-0 .... P. Ennis

9-4 Duffle Coat, 3-1 London Express, 4-1 Tockwith, 7-1 Kelly Kos, 8-1 Wyse Hill.

3.30 ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT CUP HURDLE (Handicap : £680 : 2m)

1 24012-3 Wylam Boy (D), W. A. Stephenson, 6-12-7 .... T. Stack
2 1340- Grimsby Town (D), Denys Smith, 6-12-2 .... A. Dickman
3 21422-4 Vignette (CD), T. Barnes, 5-11-1 .... M. Barnes
4 000000- Stovepipe (D), W. Young, 7-11-0 .... J. Keegans 7
5 00141p- Bishops Pawn (D), J. Nelson, 4-11-0 .... Mr Nelson 7
6 02312-0 Assembly Bell, K. Tuer, 5-10-11 .... R. Barry
7 p-12 Pub Crawl (D), J. Vickers, 6-10-10 .... Mr Page 7

5-2 Assembly Bell, 3-1 Wylam Boy, 9-2 Vignette, 6-1 Pub Crawl, 7-1 Grimsby Town, 8-1 Bishops Pawn, 16-1 Stovepipe.

4.0 PERTHSHIRE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £541 : 3m)

1 23112-4 Southern Lad (CD), W. A. Stephenson, 8-12-7 .... T. Stack
2 1pp1pp- Dunrobin (D), W. Crawford, 8-11-3 .... R. Lamb
3 4r1211- Collingwood (CD), M. Naughton, 9-11-2 .... R. Barry
4 040p0- Hugo Duncan (D), K. Oliver, 7-10-7 .... C. Tinkler
5 220100- Kildrummy, W. Crawford, 10-10-2 .... L. Lungo

10-11 Southern Lad, 100-30 Dunrobin, 4-1 Collingwood, 8-1 Hugo Duncan, 12-1 Kildrummy.

4.30 ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT STEEPLECHASE (£340 : 2m)

1 f44/21- Basil Thyme, K. Oliver, 7-11-10 .... C. Tinkler
4 00-3040 Markus, R. Richmond, 13-11-10 .... —
6 233222- Old Stephen, W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-10 .... T. Stack
7 000000- Scorton Boy, Denys Smith, 6-11-10 .... A. Dickman
9 0001-1 Aunt Bertha (D), Lord Kilmany, 5-11-8 .... P. Ennis
10 Free Hand, W. Crawford, 7-11-5 .... L. Lungo
11 u042- Village Oates, W. Tullie, 10-11-5 .... —
15 3f00-03 Never There, T. Barnes, 5-11-5 .... M. Barnes

9-4 Old Stephen, 11-4 Aunt Bertha, 4-1 Never There, 11-2 Scorton Boy, 7-1 Basil Thyme, 14-1 Markus, Free Hand, Village Oates.

5.0 MANSFIELD HURDLE (3-y-o : £272 : 2m)

1 31 Chan (D), W. A. Stephenson, 11-5 .... T. Stack
2 01 Streaking Sun (D), G. Richards, 11-5 .... D. Goulding
3 413 Tingalary (D), Denys Smith, 11-5 .... A. Dickman
4 02 Swanee Castle, D. Holmes, 11-0 .... N. Tinkler 5
6 0 Aula, B. Richmond, 10-9 .... —
9 00 Barrister, K. Oliver, 10-9 .... C. Tinkler
12 0 Guilsborough Grey, T. Bell, 10-9 .... —
18 244 Misty Belle, J. FitzGerald, 10-9 .... —

85-40 Chan, 3-1 Streaking Sun, 7-2 Tingalary, 5-1 Swanee Castle, 15-2 Misty Belle, 8-1 Barrister, 12-1 others.

Devon and Exeter programme

2.15 BALFOUR HURDLE (£340 : 2m 40yd)

1 Buffalo Bill, P. Dryden, 6-11-5 .... Mr J. Parrett 7
3 In The Money, M. Salaman, 6-11-5 .... Mr J. Rowley
4 Lord Galliard, R. Keenor, 6-11-5 .... John Williams
12 Pen Mill, G. Balding, 4-11-0 .... R. C. Bailey
15 Pogles Wood, J. Dulcose, 4-11-0 .... M. Wagner
16 Red Cognac, J. Old, 5-11-0 .... C. Candy
17 Romarrant, F. Kent, 5-11-0 .... Dr D. Chesney 5
18 Royal Moss, D. Jermy, 4-11-0 .... G. Old
20 Stay Well, I. Wardle, 4-11-0 .... K. B. White

7-1 In The Money, 4-1 Pen Mill, 9-2 Stay Well, 5-1 Red Cognac, 15-2 Royal Moss, 8-1 Pogles Wood, 10-1 Lord Galliard, 16-1 Buffalo Bill, Romarrant.

2.45 COURTENAY STEEPLECHASE (£340 : 2m 40yd)

1 0002-11 Gummers How, D. Gandolfo, 7-12-3 .... P. Barton 5
2 00001f0- High Talk, D. Barons, 9-11-7 .... S. May
5 f3 John's Knapp, M. Tate, 7-11-7 .... J. H. Evans 5
7 1040-p3 Killagurteen, W. Fisher, 7-11-7 .... N. Wakley
8 pp-p3pl Lady Verdict, Mrs Kennard, 6-11-7 .... P. Richards 7
9 00-20 Red China, Miss Morris, 6-11-7 .... K. B. White
13 00-00 Valuable, G. Balding, 7-11-7 .... J. Fox
14 p0- Vas Divorce, F. Kent, 10-11-7 .... J. Pearce 5
15 000-0 Vulgans Quay, Mrs Kennard, 9-11-7 .... Mr P. Hobbs 5
19 040-00 Marine Carrabelle, T. Fowler, 5-11-3 .... P. Leach 7
22 04-00fp Some Court, J. Thorne, 5-11-3 .... R. Linley

6-4 Gummers How, 3-1 John's Knapp, 9-2 Killagurteen, 6-1 Red China, 8-1 Valuable, 12-1 Marine Carrabelle, 14-1 High Talk, 20-1 others.

3.15 PETERS HURDLE (Novices : £306 : 2m 40yd)

3 0-2 Ganador, G. Williams, 11-11-5 ...... Mr A. J. Williams 7
4 0000-u0 Major Dash, S. Pattemore, 6-11-5 .... R. Linley
5 Ma-tello Park, D. Jermy, 6-11-5 .... B. Jefferies 5
6 20-0f3u Miramoor, D. H. Jones, 7-11-5 .... M. Williams 7
7 34-0312 Reich Mark, H. O'Neill, 11-11-5 .... Mr S. Morshead 5
9 004000 Tipple, R. Pinconde, 7-11-5 .... Mr M. Reeves 5
10 0p03 Vengo, M. Pipe, 7-11-5 .... N. Wakley
11 Blue Wings, M. Tate, 5-11-0 .... H. J. Evans 5
12 Capell Belle, R. Wilson, 4-11-0 .... D. Speck 7
13 0f440 Mac, D. Barons, 3-11-0 .... —
14 0-43 Rosey Brook, D. Gandolfo, 4-11-0 .... S. May

3-1 Reich Mark, 7-2 Ganador, 4-1 Mac, 11-2 Miramoor, 8-1 Vengo, 10-1 Rosey Brook, 12-1 Tipple, 14-1 others.

3.45 JOHN LUMLEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £544 : 3m 1f)

2 113210- Dead Reckoning (CD), F. Cundell, 6-11-9 .... B. R. Davies
3 0p0-112 Kuluwand (CD), G. Balding, 10-11-8 .... R. Linley
4 p2010-2 Maniphe, Miss Morris, 11-11-7 .... N. Wakley
6 30p04-2 The Pine (CD), D. Gandolfo, 9-11-3 .... P. Barton 5
7 13pp0l- Pensive Prince, D. Barons, 7-10-7 .... S. May
8 00211-p Grigland Green (CD), W. Williams, 11-10-7 .... M. Salaman
11 p0p0-11 Barbel, C. Fryer, 13-10-0 .... C. Brown 7

3-1 Kuluwand, 7-2 Pine Lodge, 4-1 Barbel, 11-2 Dead Reckoning, 15-2 Maniphe, 8-1 Grigland Green, 12-1 Pensive Prince.

4.15 ANTHONY MILDMAY HURDLE (£544 : 3m 1f)

1 0010-23 Bud (CD), M. James, 8-12-5 .... Mr A. J. Wilson
2 31-2413 Definitely, F. Rimell, 7-12-5 .... Mr S. Morshead 5
3 004020 Jock My Boy, A. Dunn, 6-12-5 .... Mr A. Dunn 7
4 001-332 Mac's Birthday (CD), P. Gorman, 8-12-5 .... Mr D. Curtis 7
6 213 Steamer (CD), E. Bevan, 7-12-0 .... Mr G. Jones 5
7 u1000-0 Go-Over, J. Thorne, 7-11-12 .... Mr P. Hobbs 5
8 20-03p0 Regal Isle, W. Charles, 7-11-12 .... Mr M. Charles 7
11 p- Cooling Sundancer, T. Summersgill, 8-11-5 .... Mr A. J. Siggs 7
12 0-0 Fezan, R. Hanks, 5-11-5 .... Mr R. Hanks 7
13 0-02 Lorac, G. Snail, 9-11-5 .... Mr J. Darlington 7
14 000p-p0 Oriental Spice, R. Pincombe, 6-11-5 ...... Mr J. Kerley 7
15 040- Spanish Fun, W. Sleeman, 5-11-5 .... Mr A. Sleeman 7
16 Wind of Luck, J. Chanin, 4-11-5 .... Mrs J. Chanin

4-5 Mac's Birthday, 7-2 Definitely, 5-1 Bud, 8-1 Steamer, 12-1 Jock My Boy, 16-1 Lorac, 20-1 others.

4.45 ACLAND STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £544 : 2m 3f)

1 23024-1 Even Choice, L. Kennard, 9-11-13 .... E. Wright
2 f910p3- Maniwaki, S. Pattemore, 8-11-7 .... R. Linley
8 00f1- Dolly Boy (CD), W. Fisher, 13-10-0 .... M. Wagner
9 2000-12 Crumlin, G. Balding, 8-10-0 .... J. Fox
10 pp0340- Just the Job, D. Gandolfo, 10-10-0 .... W. Shoemark
14 43-3204 Some Surprise, D. Barons, 7-10-0 .... S. May

4-5 Even Choice, 4-1 Maniwaki, 5-1 Crumlin, 8-1 Dolly Boy, 10-1 Just the Job, 12-1 Some Surprise.

Leicester results

2.15 (2.20) ASHBY PLATE (Div I: 2-y-o: £545: 1m)

Monk's Chant, ch c, by Saintly Song—Princess Moss (R. Millsom), 8-1 .. P. Young (2-1 fav) 1
Prince Lambourne, br g, by Prince de Galles—Red Favourite (A. Clegg), 8-5 B. Raymond (13-2) 2
Square Gift, ch c, by Saintly Song—Alycida (M. Lockey), 8-5 W. Carson (15-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Golden Gun, 9-1 Miss Geraldine, 10-1 Gilken Queen, 12-1 Cygnet Ring, 14-1 Maxihot, 16-1 The Haunted Major, 35-1 Tudor Sally (4th), Privy Moss, Astro D'Aargento, Laukov, Willy Kim. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 14p, 15p, 28p. P. Robinson, at Newmarket. 3l, hd. Aim High did not run. Withdrawn: Saddlos Queen (25-1) Rule 4 does not apply.

2.45 (2.50) ASHBY PLATE (Div II: 2-y-o: £545: 1m)

Spoofer, b g, by Pretendre—Pussy Pulmet (G. Blum), 8-5 M. L. Thomas (10-1) 1
Nun's Habit, ch f, by Welsh Abbot—Why Wait (Mrs C. Brudenell-Bruce), 8-5 .... E. Hide (9-1) 2
Redshott, b c, by Great Nephew—Armande (Mrs M. Hill), 8-6 J. Lynch (9-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-3 Cotillion, Fiery Performance, 9-1 French Reverse, 14-1 Mostara, 20-1 Limestone Rex, Midnight Girl, 33-1 Tudors Runabout (4th), China God, Stay Happy, Karlo J., Reppeve. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 21.22; places, 29p, 23p, 15p. G. Blum, at Newmarket. Nk, sh hd. Whitehot did not run.

3.15 (3.17) LOUGHBOROUGH HANDICAP (3-y-o: £690: 1m)

Virginia Drive, ch c, by Virginia Boy—Wood Grouse (B. Schmidt-Bodner), 8-11 J. Seagrave (7-1) 1
Anchovey Toast, b f, by Firestreak—Ancarism (G. Bliss), 7-8 M. L. Thomas (7-1) 2
Circus Song, b c, by Hill Clown—Golden Linnet (H. Joel), 9-0 E. Eldin (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Candles, 11-2 Attorney General, 7-1 Snake Dance, 12-1 Tavolla, 14-1 Moonstrike, Roffignol, 20-1 Wenceslas (4th), Roussillon, Startown, Squires Vine, Starlight Castle. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 87p; places, 40p, 21p, 53p. Doug Smith, at Newmarket. 4l, 1l.

3.45 (3.47) NANPANTAN HANDICAP (£685: 1¼m)

Shore Captain, b g, by Skymaster—West Virginia (A. Struthers), 3-7-5 .. D. Gillespie (15-8 fav) 1
Makinlaw, b m, by Lanso—Makin (J. Oliver), 5-8-11 B. Raymond (5-1) 2
Kutuzov, br c, by Above Suspicion—Nous Sommes Ici (G. Pooley) 4-8-0 .... J. Lynch (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Jeanie Duff, 13-2 Carpist, 10-1 Fair Deed (4th), 11-1 Hola d'Or, 12-1 The Baker, 33-1 Turner. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 11p, 22p, 96p; dual forecast, 95p. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. Nk, 1½l.

4.15 (4.16) CHARNWOOD STAKES (3-y-o: £571: 1¼m)

Tantalos, ch g, by Sayfar—Tantalizing (J. Kartz), 8-8 W. Higgins (11-2) 1
Litigant, ch g, by Aggressor—Barletta (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), 8-5 D. Gillespie (6-1) 2
Morte d'Arthur, b c, by Blakeney—Miss Blandy (Mrs S. Arnold) 8-11 .... J. Seagrave (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Tom Tallis, 6-1 Cronella, My Revenge (4th), 10-1 Windmill Boy, 20-1 London Rose, Beryl's Boy, Glaven. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 20p, 41p, 28p; dual forecast, R7p. R. Mason, at Guilsborough. 1½l, ½l. Olympic Leader did not run.

4.45 (4.48) KEGWORTH PLATE (2-y-o: £545: 7f)

Baligreat, b f, by Great Nephew—Ball (J. Edmonds), 8-11 T. Ives (14-1) 1
Beau Dutch, ch c, by Ribocco—Dutch Maid (Mrs S. Fisher), 9-0 E. Hide (8-1) 2
Tar Sienpre, ch c, by Karabus—Kutra Ousia (Dr J. Sahagun), 9-0 .... W. Carson (13-3) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Marmora Bay, 7-2 Adorabella, 13-2 Happy Hollow, 10-1 Tiger Hill (4th), 14-1 Hope Anchor, 16-1 Jack White, 20-1 Magic Ruler, Ring Rose, 25-1 Appleford, Bald Eyas, Chestering, Cidedo, Fine Blue, Hot Steel, Myddle Tikki, Sabante. 19 ran.

TOTE: Win, £2.13; places, 83p, 68p, 42p. R. Mason, at Guilsborough. Hd, ½l.

5.15 (5.20) SEPTEMBER STAKES (3-y-o: £453: 1½m)

Captain Webb, b g, by Connaught—Water Wings (H. Joel), 11-7 Mr E. Collins (2-1 fav) 1
Eagle's Right, br f, by Mr Right—Eagle's Tryst (W. McDonald), 11-7 .. Mr N. Henderson (20-1) 2
High Blaze, ch c, by High Hat—Potheen (A. Ewing), 11-5 Mr A. Latham (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Aberowilly (4th), 15-2 John MacNab, 8-1 Quick Half, 16-1 Bill Sikes, Charlie Baillie, 25-1 Abbey Farm, Phantom Lad, 33-1 Dasset Lass, Himley Girl, Tangles Brother, Whatastar. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 18p; places, 16p, 51p, 23p. W. Elsey, at Malton. 3l, ½l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Virginia Drive, Tantalos, £24.65. TREBLE: Spoofer, Shore Captain, Baligreat, £13.80. Paid on first two legs.

Lingfield Park

2.0 (2.5) MALTHOUSE PLATE (2-y-o fillies: £414: 7f)

Bines Bridge, ch f, by Lorenzaccio—Mockbridge (J. Hornung), 8-8 G. Lewis (7-1) 1
Magnetic, ch f, by Crewman—Romagna (P. Mellon), 8-8 D. Cullen (9-2 jt fav) 2
Fall To Pieces, ch f, by Floribunda—Durani (P. Goulandris), 8-8 C. Williams (9-2 jt fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Perbury (4th), Ready Steady Go, 8-1 Guipure, 11-1 Bay Tree's Girl, 20-1 Beau Wonder, 33-1 Acacia Pride, Addie, Blackfoot Girl, Gillian Rosemary, Good Alibi, Lady Jay, Miss Kung Fu, Smithfield Lady, Yukon Goldie, Seika. 18 ran.

TOTE: Win, 53p; places, 24p, 18p, 35p. N. Murless, at Newmarket. ¾l, 1l. 1min 25.80sec. Ebony Rock did not run.

2.30 (2.33) LANGTON GREEN STAKES (3-y-o: £609: 1½m)

Leading Lady, b f, by Precipice Wood—Sea Baby (Mrs C. Coker), 8-12 ...... T. Cain (9-1) 1
Sarpedon, b c, by My Swanee—Pampered Belle (Miss S. Rampton), 8-13 .. P. Cheese (7-1) 2
Sheridans Daughter, ch f, by Majority Blue—Dandy Brush (R. Sangster), 9-1 .. R. Street (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Pink Palace, 5-1 French Harmony, 7-1 Glenthorne, 12-1 Divided, 14-1 The White Seal, 16-1 Dunrels (4th), Mon Cheval, Sonseashray, 33-1 Deep Mystery, Double Twenty, Tonedale, Lady Corinya. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 74p; places, 24p, 35p, 26p. P. Taylor, at Upper Lambourn. 3l, 1½l. Greyborne did not run. 2min 10.81sec.

3.0 (3.2) SOUTHBOROUGH HANDICAP (2-y-o: £828: 6f)

Lei, b g, by Hawaii—West Bramble (J. McGregor), 7-13 Ron Hutchinson (5-1 fav) 1
Steel King, gr c, by King's Company—Podiowna (G. Amy), 8-5 P. Eddery (7-1) 2
Shoric Boy, b c, by Decoy Boy—La Caline (E. Geary), 7-8 D. McKay (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 13-2 Lotto, Petulla, 9-1 Over Twenty One, 14-1 Flora Twice, Glimri, Mandate, Tongarios, 30-1 Casaque Noire, Sans Un Ami, Churchillian, Chili Will (4th), Doris's Choice. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 17p, 20p, 89p. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. 1½l, 1½l. 1min 11.22sec.

3.30 (3.31) CAPEL HANDICAP (£718: 2m)

Piccadilly Etta, ch f, by Floribunda—Carteretta (Miss P. Wolf), 4-8-5 P. Eddery (10-1) 1
Dusky Lis, b f, by Linacre—Dusky Princess (Mrs M. O'Sullivan), 4-7-13 ...... B. Rouse (10-1) 2
Asama, gr c, by Ribero—Field Mouse (J. Kashiyama), 3-8-7 A. Murray (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Charlotson, 6-1 Prima Bella, 7-1 Sea Kestrel, 10-1 Levandia (4th), Vice Squad, 14-1 Super Trojan, 25-1 Harpist, Khadine, Golden Duckling. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.16; places, 31p, 43p, 20p. B. Lunness, at Newmarket. ½l, hd. 3min 29.33sec.

4.0 (4.3) RUDGWICK HANDICAP (3-y-o: £996: 7f 140yd)

Calibina, ch f, by Caliban—Right Prospect (E. Badger), 8-5 G. Lewis (7-2 jt fav) 1
Welsh Mate, b f, by Welsh Saint—King's Mate (Sir D. Clague), 9-6 .... S. Cottle (16-1) 2
Mark Jason, b c, by Divine Gift—Countess Charmere (C. Gaventa), 8-8 .... P. Cheese (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt fav The Space Kart, 10-1 Jacinet (4th), 11-1 Glorious Devon, 12-1 Irish Refinery, Mary Mullen, Nae Bird, 14-1 Crown Major, 16-1 Chappelle Blanche, Chukaroo, 20-1 Primer, Kangrisu, Darey, Anns Dream, Work to Rule. 17 ran.

TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 17p, 36p, 26p. P. Cole, at Lambourn. ½l, ½l. 1min 31.42sec. Astonish did not run.

4.30 (4.35) ASHURST PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 6f).

Marquis de Sade, br c, by Queen's Hussar—Sweet Charity (C. St George), 9-0 A. Murray (6-5 fav) 1
Free State, b c, by Hotfoot—Born Free (Mrs D. McCalmont), 9-0 P. Eddery (13-8) 2
Aytidefe, br c, by Lear Jet—Will O' The Wisp (C. Tsolakakis), 9-0 .... B. Jago (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Levenlis, 20-1 Greenstead Lad, Tickets, 33-1 Gilda (4th), Blakewin, Dual Control, Sandwich Bay, Silquest, Snake Bite, Troops Bale, Fortissimold. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 18p, 31p, 81p. H. Price, at Findon. 2l, 4l. 1min 12.63sec. Big Clive, Mumble's Bay did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Lei, Calibina, £5.80. TREBLE: Leading Lady, Piccadilly Etta, Marquis de Sade, £118.05.

PARLIAMENT, September 23, 1975

Tory complaint of lack of information about Ulster from ministers

House of Lords

LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, in a statement about the recent outbreak of bombings in Northern Ireland, said that further measures to protect life and property had been implemented in areas particularly affected. Further measures were being taken today which included selective screening and more vehicle checks.

There will be (he added) an increased security forces presence in particular areas.

Referring to the bomb explosion in London last night, he said that there was no warning and no firm information about who was responsible.

LORD HAILSHAM of St Marylebone—The criticism has been coming not only from the right but also, for instance, from Mr Paddy Devlin of the SDLP, that the Government have not been giving adequate support to the elected representatives in Northern Ireland, thereby encouraging paramilitary groups on both sides. This view is widely held in responsible quarters in Belfast and elsewhere.

When we were in office we kept the Labour Party fully informed and very much in our confidence. If, as I am sure he does and I certainly do, he wants the bipartisan policy to continue, will he see to it that the Government give us *a little more in the way of information* than they have hitherto been doing?

LORD SHEPHERD—Criticism about adequate support to parliamentarians in Northern Ireland is unjustified. *I hope that no impression* would be created from what Lord Hailsham said that there has been withholding of information or in any way a change in relationship between the Government and Opposition in Northern Ireland. The Government attach supreme importance to the maintenance of a bipartisan policy *upon which depend the strength* and determination of our security forces in Northern Ireland for dealing with the situation in Northern Ireland and also attacks that have been made within the United Kingdom. We need full support in this matter.

I cannot believe, knowing the relations that exist in Parliament, that if members of the Opposition wish at any time to see the Secretary of State he would not make *himself available*.

LORD CARRINGTON, leader of the Opposition peers, asked for an assurance that no recent orders had been issued to the Army, such as keeping a low profile or not going into certain areas, which made the Army's task in preventing these explosions or bringing *their perpetrators to justice more* difficult.

LORD SHEPHERD—The position is as it has been for many months. It had been the hope of the Government that if there was a reduction and a sustained cessation of violence in Northern Ireland it would be possible to reduce the number of troops and to keep a lower profile in the civilian areas. Clearly, if violence is to increase the Government must respond as they have responded during the past few days in dealing with the recent increase in violence towards property and in particular against the police.

LORD HAILSHAM—I am not in *the least reproaching him personally*, but I deliberately told him of this because I am in a position *to know the feelings in my* own party about this and not necessarily on the back benches *either. We are strongly of the* opinion that we have not been taken into confidence to the extent that Mr William Whitelaw did so with the Labour leaders when he was in office.

On the criticism relating to the elected representatives, I was not so much referring to the Ulster MPs at Westminster as to the elected Convention members. There is a wide feeling of resentment among the elected members on both sides of the community divide and some of those who might be expected to be beyond it that they have had their position undermined by not having been given the authority which the fact of *them to expect.*

LORD SHEPHERD—The elected members have been seeking within the Convention for a new system for the government of Northern Ireland and we are naturally *awaiting their report with great* anxiety. If Lord Hailsham feels that more could be done between *the two sides in maintaing the bi*partisan policy, the exchange of information, and feels that there has been, shall we say, less than perhaps his colleagues would wish, I would only say that it ought to be put right. I will see that it is put right if I can.

This approach might perhaps have been made to better advantage to me privately and personally than on the floor of the house.

LORD HAILSHAM—I am grateful for his assurance but cannot agree with the last observation. The time has come to say that there is deep feeling among Opposition peers and MPs that they have not received the consideration which we gave to the other side.

LORD SHEPHERD—This is the first time I have been aware of this concern. If we are seeking to maintain a bipartisan policy it is open to all of us to be frank. I will see that his point is conveyed to the Secretary of State immediately and see what can be done.

Parliamentary notices

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Bill, committee stage.

Government defeat on conscience issue

On Clause 45 (Trade union membership and activities),

LADY ROBSON of KIDDINGTON (L) moved an amendment to provide that an employee who genuinely objected on grounds of conscience—rather than religious belief, as the Bill provides—to being a member of a trade union should have the right not to have action short of dismissal taken against him for the purpose of compelling him to join a trade union.

She said that Liberal peers had no sympathy with people who refused to join a union because *they did not want to pay while* they wanted to benefit from the rights and privileges that came *from unionism. They believed in* the principle of 100 per cent membership of trade unions but *it should be on a voluntary basis* and not through compulsion. The word "conscience" in their view *included religious belief.*

LORD HAILSHAM of ST MARYLEBONE said that Article *9 of the European Convention on* Human Rights, by which this Government and country were bound, read: "Everyone has the right of freedom of thought, conscience and religion." This clearly indicated that in the view of the European Convention and therefore in the view of the Commission, which was the court set up to enforce it, conscience and religion were distinct things and so was belief. It must therefore be right, if they intended to keep the pledged word of this country, to insert into their statutes the word "conscience". He could not see what answer there could possibly be to the amendment.

LORD BROWN (Lab) said that in industry he had come upon many cases of men who had refused to be coerced into joining a union and who had convinced their workmates that they had the right to stand aside.

LORD JACQUES, Lord in Waiting, said that religious believers were a clearly recognized class of people. They object (he said) to being yoked with non-believers *in any organization, including trade* unions. Whether agreeing with such views or not they could at *least be recognized and respected.*

The Government considered they could be realistically defined *in statute* as a group which could be accorded special treatment. It was not right for any statute to offer special treatment without being clear about the conditions under which this would apply, and there was no clarity about the conscience.

The European convention provided for freedom of conscience, but no employee was compelled to work in a job where his conscience might be put to the test, as long as a law did not make closed shops obligatory.

The amendment was agreed to by 121 votes to 54—majority against the Government, 67.

Will men ever learn that when a woman says 'No' she might really mean it?



Dr Jean Wilson, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, contributes this week's column in our International Women's Year series.

The furore over the treatment of rape cases under English law has brought out a number of deeply disturbing aspects of attitudes to this offence, and of men to women in general. Surely no other law rests so blatantly on folk-myth—*the belief that what a woman* really wants is a man who will dominate her, morally and physically, and that when a woman says "No" she does not really mean it.

Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent South has introduced a *Bill designed to combat the High Court* endorsement of these myths in the ruling that if a man really believes, however unreasonably, that when a rational human being says "No" she *in fact means "Yes", then he cannot* be guilty of rape in acting upon this belief.

I doubt, however, if the criterion of reasonable doubt introduced in Mr Ashley's Bill, or the anonymity provision which is being strongly urged on *the committee now considering the law* on rape, will really alter the situation of a woman who is involved in such a case. Both measures are admirable in themselves, but while the one will protect *a woman from the outrage of see*ing her assailant acquitted even as his guilt is acknowledged, and the other from a great deal of distasteful publicity, the ordeal she must face in court will remain unchanged.

The court in a rape case is indeed a *male chauvinist pigsty. The defence* is usually that the woman consented, and no pains are spared by counsel to prove that the victim was the type of woman who would inevitably consent. With this in view, no detail of her past sexual history is free from examination. Barristers in court can indulge in what from a journalist would be condemned as muckraking. Objections have often been made to this, but the reply has always been made by legal experts that in such cases the woman's sexual history is relevant. Mr Ashley's Bill includes a "tit-for-tat" clause in the hope of limiting this practice, but in so doing it presumes the validity of lawyers' defence of it.

An irregular sex life, however *deplorable by conventional moral stan*dards, is no crime. There is no reason, in law, why a woman should not be as promiscuous as she likes, providing that she does not make her living in this way. To examine a woman on her sexual past implies that both in law and in practice such experience is reprehensible, which it is not.

By allowing this type of conduct in a rape case the courts are perpetuating a double standard of morality. A standard of chastity is being demanded of a woman which is not expected of *a man—the defence of consent rests* on the assumption that the man does nothing wrong in having sex with a willing woman. Furthermore, moral standards changed in recent years: Women are no longer expected to maintain strict pre-marital chastity, and to be sexually experienced is no longer the mark of a "fallen woman". Thus a woman's past sexual experience is irrelevant to a rape case.

What the defence is attempting to *impugn is not*, after all, a woman's honour, but her truthfulness. The method of attack, resting on the maxim "honour lost, all lost", is to undermine her truthfulness through her sexual past, but *it should not be for*gotten that it is her veracity that is in question.

This being so, anti-character witnesses should be brought to prove that the woman has been notorious for being untruthful rather than unchaste.

I can think of only one instance in which a woman's sexual past might *conceivably be relevant to a rape case.* That is if it could be proved that on several occasions in the past she had resisted her partner both verbally and physically, and afterwards thanked him for recognizing that she was a fantaisist who wanted to pretend that she was being raped. I imagine that the chances *of such a woman bringing a prosecution* for rape are infinitesimal.

The conduct of rape cases rests on, and is tolerated because of, *a funda*mental male attitude to women—that of ownership. It is this proprietorial attitude which lies at the back of the exposure of a woman's "past" in court, resting on the belief that a woman does not own her own body, and has no right to decide what she should do with it. If she is married, her body belongs to her husband; if single, she must save her body for her putative future husband. If a woman once breaks the standard of chastity, *then she is assumed to become* common property. Having once made herself free to one man, she is assumed to have abandoned her right to refuse other men, no matter how unappealing they may be.

Until men can accept women as reasonable creatures, owners of themselves, the rape law will remain inequitable. But it would be improved by recognition of the irrelevance of a plaintiff's past sexual experience, and a consequent prohibition of offensive inquiry into it.

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Commission to draw up proposals for EEC common energy policy

European Parliament
Luxembourg

SIGNOR LEONARDI (Italy, Comm), presenting on behalf of the Committee on Energy Resources and Technology a resolution on Community energy policy, particularly oil, said it was important that energy sources available within the Community were used in a balanced way and not wasted.

They needed sufficient information about the situation in the EEC so they could draw up policies to ensure that the populations of the Community received the energy they required and that policies were firmly backed by action.

The committee's motion said it was necessary to restrict the Community's excessive dependence on energy supplies, to promote research projects aimed at opening up internal sources of energy, and to make a significant effort to develop energy sources in the Community's territory.

It called for every possible effort to stabilize the consumption of crude oil at the present levels and to meet future increases in demand from other energy sources. It recommended that as large a proportion as possible of crude oil consumption in the foreseeable future should be met from Community deposits.

An action programme to improve the *efficiency of energy* utilization and eliminate waste was suggested in order to further the *objectives of economic and social* development.

The motion regarded the initial steps taken by the Council of Ministers in adopting four regulations concerning information on investment projects, and planned imports of crude oil and natural gas, as positive, but inadequate. It was essential that public and private companies *should provide* information on the various cost and price factors affecting crude oil and the various petroleum products imported into the EEC together with a detailed analysis of refining and distribution costs in each member state.

HERR LAUTENSCHLAGER (West German, Soc), for the Socialists Group, said he agreed that the Commission needed powers to survey and control developments in this sector.

The realization that there was no longer a guarantee that energy was always available at an acceptable price to anybody meant that there must be much more intense participation.

It was necessary to prevent the oil exporting countries from doing economic and monetary damage to the industrial states. He expected the Commission in the course of international negotiations to speak up for support of third and developing countries by the oil producing countries.

HERR SPRINGORUM (West *Germany, C-D)*, for the Christian Democrats, said the Opec countries had been more successful in forming *a common* policy than the industrial countries. Consequently, the industrial countries had not *been in a position* to draw up a barrier against the price agreements of the Opec countries.

MR TOM NORMANTON (*United Kingdom*, Cheadle, C), for the Conservative group, said oil and gas must flow from the *Continental Shelf* to the maximum potential possible and it should flow now. Conservation and depletion rates were important but the economic crisis would continue to put Europe at risk *until Europe* was free from the political blackmail to which they continued to be subjected.

The Community must eschew the adoption of attitudes, stances or measures, mostly political or fiscal, which would inhibit progress towards reestablishing a viable industrial economy in Europe.

The Conservative Group would continue to be highly critical of *those little Englanders*, petty nationalists, tribalists and jingoists who by their behaviour were *creating uncertainty and anxiety.*

We are also critical (he said) of political, dogma-ridden fanatics *about the acquisition and control* of oil and other sources of energy by the state. They regrettably adopt the stance of "hands off our oil" yet forget oil like other commodities is a world commodity. No one concerned with prosperity can isolate himself from that fact.

To create the impression that the EEC was casting covetous eyes on North Sea oil was far from the truth. No political or national group could say the Community or the Commission wanted to expropriate the oil on the Continental Shelf from those who had sovereignty over it. Those who used that emotive gambit were *doing a great disservice to those* trying to get the oil flowing.

MRS WINIFRED EWING (*United Kingdom, Moray* and Nairn) (Scottish Nationalist) said there was much to agree with in *the reports on such matters as* the stabilization of consumption of energy and the excess of dependence of any group of nations on any particular source of energy.

During the British referendum campaign there had been assurances that there would be no interference with United Kingdom sovereignty over the rate of extraction of the oil, the price to be charged for it, and the markets to which the oil could be sold.

Since the referendum, there had been an upsurge of good will towards the Community and Parliament. If it should prove that these were empty promises on oil, the good will might be quickly translated into great suspicion in Scotland.

Exchange of scientific information was to be welcomed, but there was *a fear that a Community* energy policy might attack the three areas of decision-making on *which assurances had already been* given. If there was to be interference, it should be stated out in the open now.

They had been told that everyone should enjoy the benefits of *an energy policy*, but who was going to enjoy the advantages of being in the place from which the oil boom came and where cities were suddenly invaded by hoards of people and the way of life was jeopardised. At the moment, they were entering into a realm of non-cooperation in which injustices were going to be dealt to Scotland.

MR JOHN OSBORN (UK, Sheffield, Hallam, C) said Britain *would look stupid if European* countries were to find that North Sea oil was too costly in two or *three years when the Opec coun*tries might choose to reduce their price.

The United Kingdom and Scotland (he said) are concerned to establish markets that will see us through thick and thin. It is in Europe's interest to reach agreement with Britain, with Scotland, and the oil companies to take oil at a given rate whatever the outside fluctuations in price. If not, Scotland will find itself the possessor of vast assets which are useless.

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (UK, Central Fife, Lab) said the United Kingdom Government and the Labour Party had no present intention of losing control over their energy policy or any of their indigenous energy resources. They had no intention of giving up control and ownership of North Sea resources.

His guess was that whatever this Assembly and the Commission might propose, the present United Kingdom Government would at the Council of Ministers block any proposals which would threaten *the national interests of the* United Kingdom. They made no apology for taking a major element of public participation in North Sea oil.

It is a national resource (he *said) and ought to be nationally* owned and we are not prepared to relinquish that to Europe. We in the United Kingdom are in a strong bargaining position and we do not intend to relinquish that any more than other members of the Community are willing to make concessions to our views on the absurdities of the common agricultural policy. What is good enough for those who support the CAP is good enough for Britain in supporting our national interests in energy.

The assembly and the Commission would have to come along with something much more sensitive to the hopes, aspirations and *determination of the present* British Government before they were prepared to accept the kind of proposals before them today.

M SIMONET, Commissioner for Energy Policy, said it was the *Commission's intention before the* end of the year to draft a whole series of proposals to the Council of Ministers, the acceptance of rejections of which would show clearly the Council's desire to continue towards a common energy policy.

Once each member state dealt with its energy problems individually, there would be a natural tendency to buy oil from the cheapest supplier. He did not know with any accuracy what the cost of North Sea oil would be.

He did not understand what benefit some of their British friends would get from sitting on the treasure they had found because they were living in an open economy.

Britain would have to export some of the oil and they must *have guaranteed markets.* The extraction of the oil involved enormous costs and with the economic and financial situation of Britain they would have to rely on an external market.

The resolution was carried.

Data bank

The EEC Commission's proposed choice of five priority data processing projects was approved when a resolution contained in a report from the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, presented by M PIERRE-BERNARD COUSTE (France, DEP) was carried. The first of the five computer projects is planned to be the creation of a Community data bank on organ and blood groups to assist in transplants and transfusions.

The other data processing studies will cover agricultural information, a retrieval system for Community law, air traffic control, electronics, and construction.

The Committee's resolution regretted the lack of precision in *the financial estimates* for the projects and warned that in future Parliament could not pronounce *on proposals from the Commission* to the Council of Ministers unless there was clearer and verifiable *information on their budgetary* and financial implications.

The resolution said the five priority projects must be viewed against the background of the central objective of the Council of Ministers defined in July, 1974 —that there should be a fully viable and competitive Europeanbased data processing industry by the early 1980s. It was feared that implementations of the projects would be too slow.

Puritanism raises its uninspiring head in literature for children

Every two years an elaborate ritual takes place to select the winners of the Hans Christian Andersen Medals. These are given by the International Board on Books for Youth, and are rather like tiny Nobel *Prizes awarded to authors* and illustrators for their contribution to children's literature. The ritual for selection requires all national sections of the board to nominate their own favourite sons for the two medals and a final decision is arrived at by an international jury—although how to compare texts by, say, Russian, Japanese and Brazilian authors has never been finally resolved.

The 1975-76 bout of selection is now upon us and the British section of IBBY has nominated for its contestants the author, William Mayne—"outstanding for his great originality and for his large output of consistent and developing work"—and the illustrator Edward Ardizzone—"an artist whose work gives rise to more affection than that of any other living British illustrator". Alongside these names the section may also commend for special honour two recent books of distinction, that will fittingly represent national achievement at an international level, and for these "Honours Books" the British section has *chosen Penelope Lively's The Ghost of Thomas Kempe* (Heinemann) and *How Tom Beat Captain Najork and his Hired Sportsmen*, by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Quentin Blake (Cape).

As one of the judges responsible for these selections, I have been particularly intrigued by the nature of the critical debate through which final decisions were reached, and I suppose that the experience should have made me suitably sympathetic to the tussles which must go on in other awards committees for literary trophies. Looking at the results of this year's prize-days for children's books though I find sympathy dissolving into *gloom.*

Our three major national prizes for imaginative work: the Guardian Award for fiction, and the Library Association's Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals (for outstanding writing and outstanding illustration) have all gone to books so lacking in vigour or perception or grace—if not all three—that they seem to herald a return to a dour age of Puritanism for English children's books.

True, there is no denying that Winifred Cawley's *Gran at Coal*gate (OUP), which won this year's Guardian Award, has considerable merits. Its re-creation



From "The Winter Bear" by Ruth Craft, illustrated by Erik Blegvad (Collins)—*a leading contender in The Most Neglected Picture Book of 1974 Competition.*

of the atmosphere of a Northumberland mining community in the weeks before the General Strike is fine at documentary level (and as a freeman of the City of Newcastle I have nothing but admiration for Miss Cawley's ear for the local *patois*); her portrayal of an adolescent girl coming to a new awareness of the peculiarities of the adult world is also a sensitive one; but so much truth to nature does not necessarily make a successful novel, and *Gran at Coalgate*, as muted as the greys and browns of its dust-jacket, sells the reader short in narrative verve and dramatic shape.

As for the winners of the Library Association Medals: Mollie Hunter's *The Stronghold* (Hamish Hamilton) and Pat *Hutchins's The Wind Blew* (Bodley Head), the kindest that can be said of them is that they preserve, rather than advance, their creators' reputations, but to put them forward as "outstanding" books of the year suggests either a pretty dim year or a *mistaken idea of* "outstanding".

On balance I am inclined to the latter. From the published report of the Library Association's judges—which contains remarks like "the pace, description, strongly-drawn characters and *construction* of the plot were considered as outstanding examples of the well-written book"—it is clear that judgments have been made by people unused to the criticism of literature. Furthermore, since two of them thought that *The Stronghold* should have been published for adults they also seem to have very limited ambitions for the art of fiction altogether. How regrettable it was to find no reference in their report to, say, Joan Aiken's *Tales of Arabel's Raven* (BBC/Cape) or Michael Rosen's *Mind Your Own Business* (Deutsch)—two children's books of 1974 which, beside the jargon of *The Stronghold*, do have movement, comedy and linguistic flair; or any mention of picture books *like Captain Najork and Erik* Blegvad's *The Winter Bear* (Collins), whose graphic control and humour are so much warmer than the stoical and quite un-breezy figures of *Where the Wind Blew.*

It is possibly through a sense of exasperation at the "establishment" influence that plays a part in all these judgments *that the Children's Rights* Workshop has been moved to institute this year a new prize for children's books, aptly entitled The Other Award. Unlike the established prizes The Other Award runs from July to July. It also looks to be flexible as to the number of books it selects and, sensibly, is willing to include new additions to the paperback lists.

Unfortunately, however, its founders have so hedged it about with provisos that they are in danger of either promoting a very narrow range of books or of runing into self-contradiction. Unwilling to attend to "literary merit" as a sole criterion, they demand a mass of fashionable moral properties including "freedom from the values of competitive individualism, private property and hierarchial social organization (!) . . . sympathetic and realistic depictions of all people . . . realistic and balance descriptions of sex roles . . . etc, *etc*".

Where one wonders, in all this would a place be found for *Bevis or Puck of Pook's Hill*, *The Treasure Seekers* or *The Wind in the Willows*? How, in their most laudable award for Susan Piper's *Twopence a Tub* (Faber) do they accommodate the author's unsympathetic and unrealistic treatment of a coal-mine manager and a parish priest? The Other Award could bring some fresh air into the enclosed ceremonies of the annual prizegiving, but at the moment it is seeking to clamp the New Puritanism upon us more quickly than anyone.

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THE ARTS

The box beside the Arno

Florence

Here beside the Arno one of those cosmopolitan young ladies much to be seen around Italy was handing out leaflets inviting us to the Red Garter near by to sing along, clap along and tap along with that beer garden's banjo band. Up at the Palazzo dei Congressi, however, a more serious note was being struck. The nations of the world have been competing for this year's Prix Italia with entries for radio and television in music, drama and documentary.

Hungary sounded off the musical submissions for television with what is now a conventional entry. A choreographer talked and we saw his work in rehearsal and performance. Since, however, the man in question, Laszlo Serehi, was less precious than some of his kind and made his points elegantly it was no bad start.

Ballet dominated the category. Nijinsky inspired an evocation of his genius from West Germany (ARD) and a requiem for it from Norway. Czechoslovakia gave us fairytale ballet that was pretty to see and Spain a full hour of flamenco. Canada and Poland were among others that relied on the dance. Outside it East Germany used TV close up skilfully to show us the continuing appeal of Bach, while Russia brought us intimate glimpses of Shostakovich such as we recently saw at home.

Switzerland showed initiative in putting on *An Engelbejg Valley Wedding*, an eighteenth-century Swiss patois opera by Schauensee. This was lusty peasant stuff worth hearing again. It has never been produced on stage, but for television it was too stagily done.

As usual the combination of music and television sent some competitors over the hills and far away into realms that were all too esoteric. We had our quota of hymns to the Life Force. For a medium, too, that is essentially domestic some programmes were far too long.

Japan's entry was short enough but that, too, had its esoteric moments; though its dreamy picture of an old fisherman weeping over the last fish in the sea did more to fix the horrors of pollution in the mind than a dozen sit-up-and-pay-attention documentaries.

Australia came closest to the banjo band with a salutary reminder of television's mass audience in the shape of its own equivalent to Britain's *Top of the Pops*. This was a real humdinger. It must be a moot question whether some of the groups belting out the Antipodean hit parade or some of our own groups are now the more weird. Yet the compère was everyone's idea of clean-limbed young Australia and there were echoes of the Temperance Seven.

On a higher plane of fancy, medieval this time, came Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* from West Germany (ZDF). This television version, all troubadours, roistering and hey-nonny, was thrilling to watch and hear. A few crowd scenes perhaps showed the limitations of the small screen, but all in all this was a programme to cherish. By contrast Britain relied on Granada's cheerful little Disneyish animation of *Noah* to the music of Joseph Horowitz.

When the flood of musical entries had subsided the international juries emerged and announced their awards. For radio music the Prix Italia went to Italy with the subsidiary prize to Poland. The BBC entry, *The Marriage of Freedom and Fate*, a feature on Beethoven, was commended by the jury as "a good contribution to the existing literature of stimulatingly informative programmes of music". For television music Japan took the Prix Italia with its old fisherman—the music was by Shin Sato—while the *Carmina Burana* won the subsidiary award for West Germany's ZDF.

One up and two to go. With the music done there are still the drama and the documentaries. France rang up the curtain for the television drama with the sort of play the French do so well—a strong and simple story line with characters to suit. This tale was of a child resenting the suitor of his widowed mother. No psychological chit-chat solved the problem here but human understanding. And as we watched this development with relief we could also admire among the incidentals a study of a schoolmaster that was quite uncommonly good.

Russia gave us a pastoral drama and the friendship of a horse. By contrast the nerves of American society have been fully exposed here with one drama entry from the United States on a lesbian theme and another of a high-school girl pleading for psychiatric help, as well as a documentary, shown outside the competition, about a teenage alcoholic.

Britain has put in strong contenders in Granada's Watergate play with Nicol Williamson and the BBC *Play for Today* about the Orange march in Glasgow. Our documentary entry is *Joey*, the much-acclaimed BBC account of a spastic.

Is that enough? It can be only a sample of all that is going on. For beyond screenings and the discussions, and beyond the temptations of Florence itself, there has also been a symposium on television news. That, however, was too sociological by half for ordinary mortals, though it did raise matters to ponder. "The modern spectator", one of the working papers told us, "lives in an event proximity characterized by troubling gianrism". In other words watch out when they bring something before your very eyes at enormous expense by satellite. There may be bigger things happening at home.

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Francesca Annis

Flaubert's hell of ordinariness

Madame Bovary
BBC 2

Alan Coren

Flaubert's obsession was meticulousness: the compulsion not only to record in minute detail but also to ensure that his literary style kept that record with absolute accuracy. That he should have died of apoplexy is altogether unsurprising.

It is the detail that makes *Madame Bovary*. It is precision that save it from melodrama. Without the ticking of the clocks and the commas in her husband's conversation and the dust specks on the maid's cuffs, the story would belong to Ethel M. Dell; it is easy, in the provinces, to grow bored and take lovers. Emma, flawed and irritating, is no tragic heroine: there is too much meanness of spirit in her, greed, envy, egomania. The terror is her very ordinariness; and the precision with which the hell of ordinariness is described is what makes the book an original masterpiece.

The screen is not the place for that precision: you may watch a finger run down a mantlepiece, but what happens in the head that owns the finger is more easily described than seen. That Francesca Annis in Monday's opening episode was unequal to the task of conveying Emma's shrieking frustration may not therefore have been all her fault, for that shrieking is primarily inner; but, that said, hers was still a heavy performance. Mind, it was an unhelpful adaptation: Giles Cooper contracted the span of her marriage for the sake of pace, and that slow accretion by which Flaubert brought her to a manic pitch was altogether lost. Emma was no more than a bored housewife and because her boredom seemed to be scantily motivated, her agony was uninvolving.

The result of this was to wrench the whole story out of scale; the husband's simplicity became endearing, his bourgeois dullness a perfectly acceptable honest warmth, and unless something has been done to set this distortion right over the next three weeks, the entire thing could end up as the tragedy of M Bovary, a decent Gallic Finlay lumbered with a nymphomaniac shrew.

I am not certain that the translation to the small screen should have been attempted at all. True, the cathode has coped admirably with such jewellers as Henry James and Jane Austen, but there the precision was all in the dialogue, gems which could be replaced in their new settings with little loss of glitter. In Flaubert, the precision is all in the narrative, and the camera may well be too cumbrous a tool to handle it.

London debuts

Max Harrison

The way Teresa Escandón played them, Brahms emerged from his *Klavierstücke*. Op.116 alternately as a hearty open-air type and as a cloistered recluse. Which is to say that the capriccios were harsh and heavy, the intermezzos gentle and conciliatory—a partial view indeed. An insufficiently strict rhythmic pulse spoilt Schoenberg's Suite Op. 25, although this work suited her better, as a smaller range of nuances is needed, the disjunct and disturbing shapes being most effectively displayed, as it were, against a plain ground. Miss Escandón was, by contrast, right inside the *Goyescas* of Granados, no longer giving an impression of undue, or misplaced, effort. The textures are elaborate yet were kept clear though clothed in warm and vibrant sounds, both during the exuberant outbursts and the introspective musings.

Another pianist, Kjell-ove Dahlman, also offered some rarely-heard items. These were Beethoven's Sonata Op 54—his performance of which implied a stolid temperament—and the very demanding Sonata No 2 by Rachmaninov. This latter was clearly a great strain, especially the *Allegro molto*, but he seemed well along the road towards conquering the bristling difficulties of Schumann's Toccata. The programme was too consistently virtuoso in character, though, and Liszt's *Paysage* and *Feux follets* require to be played with greater lightness; *Sposalizio* was more sensitive.

Timothy Rowe's baritone voice had a pleasing basic quality, yet he scarcely got beneath the surface of Fauré's *L'Horizon Chimérique*, a group of withdrawn, meaningfully understated songs. He was more successful, or at least showed more animation, in *Don Quichotte à Dulcinée* by Ravel, and was most at home with some of Quilter's Shakespeare settings. In these great poetry is confined to the foursquare emotional world of Edwardian drawing-room ballads.

Guitarists crowded in at the close of the week, first John Edwards, then a whole quartet. Mr Edwards gave a calmly plodding account of a Bach suite, each movement a more or less busy monochrome. However, if such playing reduced the apparent stature of this music, Tansman's Cavatina was, so to speak, preshrunk—small in thought and short in wind from its moment of conception. A different matter were the *Sechs Musiken* Op 25 by Hans Apostel, a composer of whom we unfortunately hear little in this country. This was a serious attempt to exploit the guitar's musical potential, and in an interesting late-Viennese idiom rarely heard on the instrument. Mr Edwards showed some life here, too.

The Tarragó Quartet had found a surprising number of pieces actually written for four guitars, such as Turina's *Oració del torero*, which is more familiar in a transcription for string quartet. This, like Montsalvatge's Dances, showed the ensemble to be flexible and to possess a quite impressive variety of colour. This was even more evident in works by Rövenstrunck, Guinovart and Balada all composed for the Tarragós, but in none of these did the intriguing sequence of sounds disguise the basic commonplace of the musical thinking.

Welcome return

Aafje Heynis
Purcell Room

Alan Blyth

For her welcome return to London, the Dutch contralto (nice to see someone still using that description of her voice) Aafje Heynis chose an adventurous programme of French songs that stayed resolutely away from the well-known paths of other recitalists. Her enterprise was rewarded with an attentive, appreciative but small audience.

If the choice, or rather their order looked sensible in theory, it did not work out so well in practice. The first half was devoted to two cycles each comprising four long songs, none having much variation in pace or mood. These were Fauré's late rather insipid *Mirages* and Bloch's very earnest *Poèmes d'Automne*. They at least served to show Miss Heynis's continuing control of line, her soundly idiomatic French and her true understanding of often complex texts. The colour of her tone did not vary much; but within her chosen palette the shades were often subtle. One big climax in the Bloch group spoke more strongly for the singer's heart than for her rather uneasy upper register.

The second half was paradoxically shorter in length, more substantial in musical value. A few bars of Debussy demonstrated his effortless superiority and originality over his contemporaries. *Trois Chansons de France* may not be among his greatest songs but they have the blessed advantage of saying much in a brief space. "Colloque sentimental" from the second set of *Fêtes Galantes* certainly is among his most notable creations. Miss Heynis caught the *Pelléas*-like mystery of this ghostly meeting, and gave as much attention to Verlaine's evocative poem, and its characterization, as to Debussy's ideal setting of it.

The rest showed two of France's wittiest composers at their best. Debussy might have been foxed by the four songs Satie dedicated to him but he would surely have admired their clever setting of tricky poems. All were deftly turned by Miss Heynis, as were Milhaud's engaging, slightly jazzy *Chansons de Negresse*, the second of which, "Abandonée", had us all swaying in our seats. Irwin Gage encompassed the varying styles of the evening with understanding and versatility.

Finnish symphonies

Bournemouth SO/ Berglund
Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths

The programmes for the Days of Finnish Music-making, which continue throughout this week on the South Bank, are inevitably giving special attention to Sibelius, and there could have been no better choice for the first orchestral concert of the series, given on Monday by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra under Paavo Berglund, than his most intense and weirdest symphony, the fourth. In a performance driven from the start, from the first deep attack on the cellos, by a fearsome urgency, Mr Berglund allowed little relaxation, nor yet any excessive outburst to interrupt the music's sweep.

Even the opening of the scherzo, where a lighter tone might seem to be indicated, was played as if nagged by threat, and Mr Berglund was able to channel his forces to considerable purpose in the rambling third movement. Apart from some moments of doubtful intonation in the finale, the orchestra played excellently; particularly impressive were the heavily rising brass calls in the first movement and the interplay of oboe and violins in the second, a detail that was charming in a fittingly sinister sort of way.

Half a century after Sibelius the Finnish symphony is still alive and fairly well, as a performance of Joonas Kokkonen's third demonstrated. Now in his mid-fifties, Kokkonen is one of the foremost living Finnish composers, and his third symphony is among the most widely respected of his works. It is not difficult to see why, for the piece shows something of Sibelius's ability to maintain a steady pace while momentum gathers, but at the same time it charts quite new areas.

What is most un-Sibelian about Kokkonen's work is its lack of solidity, presumably the deliberate choice of a composer concerned to write music of a more volatile, sometimes even frenetic, type. The instability involves Kokkonen's harmony, which persistently edges towards a tonality, his scoring and his form: the last movement's return to the brooding manner of the first was precariously made after two movements of lighter mood. Perhaps, as difficulties such as this suggested, the shade of Sibelius was occasionally lying too dark on Kokkonen's manuscript paper.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

A pogrom in Canada

The Ecstasy of Rita Joe
Hampstead

Irving Wardle

George Ryga is a Canadian writer of Ukrainian descent, which may partly account for the pogrom-like atmosphere which distorts this study of the Canadian Indians.

It tells the story of an Indian girl, Rita Joe, who leaves her family on the reserve and follows her lover to the city where she is hauled up on a series of petty charges and finally killed in a gang rape. Starting with her appearance before a magistrate, the piece develops through a fluid series of brief scenes mingling past, present, and fantasy, and which may or may not be happening in Rita's head.

The effect is as if author and heroine are squabbling over who is to tell the story. On one side we get a level-headed view of the situation, giving due credit to the forces of white law and order for their good intentions, and acknowledging that Indians make a lot of trouble for themselves. On the other side, the plight of Rita Joe and her lover is presented as a straight case of martyrdom at the hands of bent policemen and brutal employers.

There is no necessary contradiction here. If Indians have difficulty in adapting to white society, that merely puts their martyrdom into historical perspective and raises the question of whether white society is worth the price of adaptation. But no such resolution is attempted by Mr Ryga, who slaps down the argument and the melodramatics side by side with the inevitable theatrical result that the melodrama comes out on top and the Canadian situation dissolves into the whole international myth of victimized minorities.

Nicholas Renton's production knits the tiny scenes into fluent sequence, rising effortlessly into instant brawls and quite elaborate tribal ceremonies. He might have cut down on the lurid atmospherics, which detract considerably from the gritty immediacy and bleak lyricism of the writing. Whatever his structural handicaps, Mr Ryga can certainly write dialogue. Toby Robins, alternately glowering dejectedly in the city and radiating joy in the reserve, slams Rita across with forceful simplicity. Bernard Lloyd makes something more interesting of the lover, as a man with no suitable target for his black fury: an alienated performance in both senses of that term.

Catch-22

Leeds Playhouse

Charles Lewsen

Joseph Heller adapted his own book for production in East Hampton, New York; but I cannot help wishing that the task had been entrusted to a stage author with the combined talents of Mayakowsky, Alan Ayckbourn and Monty Python.

Mr Heller has given us verbatim certain set pieces from his novel: the hospital visit of Italian parents who are persuaded that they have forgotten their son's name, Major Major's frenetic leaps through his office window; but, until a final evocation of Snowden's death, we get none of the scenes in flight. One or two pieces of narrative have been turned into dialogue: the account of Nately's upbringing and the letters which Richard Kay's chaplain, as co-narrator with Yossarian, speaks to his wife. The exuberant detailed cadenzas on the characters have disappeared.

Since the agony of the bombing raids is so underwritten, and the image of Snowden's death so long delayed, Richard Kane cannot give moral stature to his performance of Yossarian, a latterday Joseph K and forerunner of the generation that opted out of Vietnam in Sweden. Since the narrative of Milo Minderbinder has not been replaced by a detailed study of the bungling capitalist, the play cannot show gun and chequebook as complementary expressions of the profit motive and victimizers of Yossarian.

For Michael Attenborough's production, John Hallé has not found an image to fuse Heller's madhouse events; and, with actors making slow entrances to episodes that follow hard upon each other, one is uncomfortably aware of the stage's vast size.

Michael Percival expresses Corporal Whitcomb's paranoia in a scene of false exits, his nicely varied opening and closing of a door causing the wall to flap. The dementia of the set during this interlude made me wish that Mr Hallé had made his whole stage more of a malignant boobytrap, or that he had left the space empty for the actors to evoke disintegration in themselves.

That is something which many of them contrive, despite the set and Mr Attenborough's failure to pace the exchanges at Morecambe and Wise speed. Mr Kay frenziedly evokes the psychiatrist's sex obsession; Tim Hardy usefully gives the military policeman a Groucho walk; and Paola Dionisotti gives incisive life to a daughter of the American Revolution and the mother of an Italian prostitute.

To the Devil ... a Daughter

Richard Widmark and Christopher Lee head the cast of the Hammer/Constantin production for EMI of the Dennis Wheatley best-seller *To the Devil ... a Daughter* which is now shooting at EMI Elstree Studios and on London locations.

Why Turkey will not budge an inch over Cyprus

The Greeks are becoming increasingly weary and suspicious of the two arguments put forward to explain Turkey's reluctance to negotiate a Cyprus settlement now. Both are related to the partial senate elections in Turkey on October 12 which are expected to diagnose the state of the country's political health following the Cyprus invasion and its aftermath.

The first argument assumes that if the Turkish moves needed for a settlement were made now, the weak right-wing coalition government of Mr Suleyman Demirel would collapse under the combined pounding of its own extremist partners and the power-hungry opposition.

The second argument asserts that in any event no Turkish government could assume any initiatives on Cyprus that might appear to be the result of pressure because of the United States arms embargo.

The Greeks do not question that Turkey has difficulties. However, they point out that ever since the Cyprus invasion *14 months ago, successive Turkish governments* have refused to budge one inch, conveniently invoking domestic or other *excuses to temporize and consolidate* their gains in Cyprus.

What nettles the Greeks most is that the Turks, having *gradually hardened their position*, now accuse the Greek side of inflexibility and threaten to punish it by making a *unilateral declaration of* independence of the Turkish-occupied north of Cyprus. Such a move, presumably, would *make the present line dividing* the two communities in Cyprus no longer negotiable. This, the Greeks declare, would be in *keeping with the Turkish policy* of conceding less to the adversary with each passing day.

It is difficult to believe that *Ankara would authorize UDI* at this juncture, since it would tend to alienate even more countries from the Turkish *point of view, especially the* United States and Britain, but mainly the Europeans and the non-aligned nations.

This alienation, which is more extensive than Ankara had originally calculated, has already had some disruptive side-effects within the Turkish Foreign Ministry which had a reputation for long-term strategy.

The Turks tend to blame Greek Propaganda, Greek lobbies at large, even the Christian solidarity of the West towards Greece, for their international isolation over the Cyprus problem. Yet many of their foreign friends are urging the Turks to revise their premises and ask whether what is turning the world against them may not be Greek propaganda but that their intransigence is now showing.

All those who have known Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, appreciate that there is a limit to what Greece, under him, can take in *humiliating faits-accomplis* from Turkey, even if the only alternative is armed conflict. There is also increasing impatience among some *American officers over* Turkey's threat to close down United States bases there in retaliation for the United States arms embargo. These officers now argue in favour of a fuller appraisal of the value of intelligence facilities in Turkey, in view of the "staggering" advances made in satellite monitoring.

The failure of the Turkish side to produce in New York the promised maps showing how much of the Turkish-occupied 40 per cent of Cyprus might eventually revert to its Greek refugee owners, was again attributed to Turkey's domestic *predicaments*.

What appears to have happened is that Mr Demirel, in an attempt to set the ball rolling in the Cyprus negotiations, without political ill effects at home, had tried to unload the responsibility for making territorial concessions on Mr Raouf Denktash, the Turkish-Cypriot leader. This, he had argued, was a matter for the two communities to decide.

At first Mr Denktash agreed to take over the initiative. Later he had second thoughts or met with opposition within his circle which probably saw Ankara casting them in the role of scapegoats. The fact is that Mr Denktash gave up the mandate and was told in Ankara that Mr Demirel is hardly in a position to discuss boundaries *in Cyprus barely a few weeks* before the crucial senate elections. Mr Denktash went to New York empty-handed.

The Greeks have noticed the same reluctance by Turkey to move in other fields: during the Greek-Turkish talks for the *re-opening of international air* corridors held in Istanbul two weeks ago, the Turkish military again resisted an agreement *that would have permitted the* resumption of direct flights between Greece and Turkey, discontinued 14 months ago.

The agreement between the Greek and Turkish Prime Ministers last May to refer the dispute on the Aegean continental *shelf to The Hague also* remains in abeyance.

As if to increase Greek misgivings over Turkey's intentions about the Aegean Islands, a Turkish journalist planted a couple of Turkish flags on the almost deserted Greek islets off Turkey's south-western tip, prompting angry diplomatic protests from Athens, and leading to the Greek Navy mining the area.

Those still holding out hope that Greek-Turkish differences can be settled by negotiation, look upon next month's elections as a panacea. Yet, barring spectacular landslides which might precipitate general elections (thereby creating further delays for Cyprus), there is no guarantee that the results of the poll will have any short-term practical effects on Turkey's attitudes about the Cyprus problem.

Mario Modiano

Dr Sakharov: Awesome courage that puts tyranny in the dock

Bernard Levin

I have expressed more than once in this space my view that, quite apart from his greatness as an artist and a man, the world we live in needs Alexander Solzhenitsyn as it needs bread, and for the old reason, no less true for being old, that man cannot live by bread alone. But man does need bread, for all that, which is why our world also needs Andrei Sakharov.

The complementary nature of the life and work of these two Titans suggests that Providence has an admirable sense of thrift; while Solzhenitsyn speaks of eternal truths and of the claims of the spirit, and condemns tyranny because it is evil, Sakharov speaks of the living reality of those who live under it, and *condemns it* because it is disgusting:

It is important that the outside world is informed about the economic conditions of Soviet workers, where one man's pay is never sufficient for a family of four. Therefore the women always have to work, rendering the education of the children very difficult, and creating enormous social problems. The number of working hours, in order to earn their living, is several times greater in the Soviet Union than in any other European country. Also things are not easy with regard to educational possibilities and medical treatment.

The courage of a man who, imprisoned in that vast jail called the Soviet Union, says such things publicly and persistently, is something that we literally cannot measure, for we simply have no measuring-rod long enough: if it comes to that, we do not even have a word for it, though the Germans have—*Zivilcourage*. And what makes the bravery of Andrei Sakharov outstanding even among that company of the bravest of the brave, the Soviet Resistance, is that he, along with a handful of others (Semyon Gluzman, Pyotr Grigorenko, Vladimir Bukovsky, Pavel Litvinov, Andrei Amalrik—I wonder what became of that man called D. A. N. Jones, who, in free Britain, used to go about saying that there was no such person as Amalrik, or that if there was he was nothing but a fake and a fraud?—*Viktor Fainberg, Valentin Moroz*), does not simply respond to examples, particular or general, of Soviet tyranny, but actually initiates the challenge to it.

Last year he went farther than ever before in defiance of *Pinfame*. He proposed to the West that an international gathering should be held to arraign his country on charges of violation of human rights. Nor did he merely suggest it in some smuggled or surreptitious message; he proclaimed it like some muezzin of freedom, in an open letter to all whom it might concern. And when a group called *the Committee of* East Exiles in Denmark took up his call and launched the preparations for just such a trial, Sakharov permitted them to use his name publicly, *and the preparations are therefore going* ahead for "The International Sakharov Hearing", on October 17, 18 and 19. (Perhaps D. A. N. Jones or somebody like *him will now suggest that Dr Sakharov* was actuated by vanity.)

The Danish Parliament, true to that admirable country's record of devotion to freedom, have made available the Parliament Building in Copenhagen for the symposium (thus, incidentally, provoking an angry protest by the Soviet authorities), and among those who, it is hoped, will attend and give evidence are Solzhenitsyn himself, Vladimir Maximov, Andrei Sinyavsky, Anatol Levitin-Krasnov, Viktor Fainberg and his wife Marina, and Rejza Palatnik—every one of whom has suffered directly at the hands of the Soviet tyrants.

Among papers to be read are several on the persecution of the Soviet Union's national minorities (by, among others, a Volga German, a Lithuanian, a Ukrainian, a Crimean Tartar, an Armenian), thus neatly reinforcing the nauseating quality of the Soviet protest to Denmark, which says that those supporting the Hearing include people "who, in their own countries encourage violations of the rights of national minorities"; there will also be reports on ideological persecution and racial discrimination in the Soviet Union, studies of the suppression of religious groups and their teaching, accounts of the abuse of psychiatry for political ends, and details of the Soviet concentration camps. (The address of the Committee organizing the Hearing, incidentally, is PO Box 1035, DK 1007, Copenhagen K, Denmark. It will be glad to hear from *sympathizers and potential supporters.*)

Not content with the unequivocal challenge to his captors that the idea of the International Hearing implies, Dr Sakharov not long ago answered, for publication in the West, a series of questions about it. "I ask", he said,

that particular attention is drawn to such a *problem as the persecution of religious people* in the Soviet Union. These persecutions have been heavily intensified, and a very great number of people have been arrested in the Baltic States. Many Baptists and Unitarians have been sentenced to prison.

In reply to a general question about the priorities for the Hearing, Dr Sakharov said this:

I wish that the question of the right to free departure from and free return to the Soviet Union would be included in the discussion concerning these persecuted people. This is a right on which all other rights depend. Only by such a right to free departure and free return is it possible to remedy the violations of the human rights that have happened.

Asked further whether he fears for his own safety—and that, remember, when *both* questioner and questioned know perfectly well that his life could be taken at any moment by the Soviet authorities, without compunction, legal process or second thoughts—he gave the cool reply: "I only fear for my family."

But it was in answer to the question: "Will you have any chance to take part *in the Hearing in Copenhagen?*" that Dr Sakharov became sublime. "I do not think it will be possible", he said, and went on:

If an interest for my participation is expressed by governments or by various political organizations abroad, and if at the same time I am given a reliable guarantee for my return home *after the hearing*, I shall be delighted and flattered to participate.

"And if at the same time I am given a reliable guarantee for my return home *after the hearing*"; roll those words around your soul, dear reader, and tell me whether you do not agree that there is a horrible good in Soviet tyranny after all, if it can produce such heart-stirring valour among those who fight it. Which of us, living in the Soviet empire and given a chance to escape across the barbed wire and minefields, past the watchtowers and guards, through the rows of automatically-firing guns, would turn it down? Which of us would not do anything required of us—sign statements, leave friends, abandon work, betray convictions, cut off an arm—to get out of that hellhouse for ever if we were given the remotest corner of a chance? And here is Dr Sakharov, like Solzhenitsyn before him and like Amalrik and Moroz alongside him, announcing publicly that he will only step outside and breathe free air *if he is given a guarantee of being allowed to return to his suffocating jail.*

Before such courage, praise falls silent, having no words to fit it. I can only say that the International Sakharov Hearing is well named.

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Dr Sakharov and his wife: initiating the challenge to Soviet tyranny.



Father Patrick Barry: "this underhand campaign".

The monk standing up to battle for public schools

The unlikely champion of Britain's public schools is a calm, quietly spoken monk who lives according to the peaceful rule of St Benedick but has been known to floor his adversaries ruthlessly with sheer logic.

Father Patrick Barry, headmaster of Ampleforth College, in North Yorkshire, glides rather unobtrusively around the *windswept* hillside, forests and lakes in the 1,000-acre grounds of the famous school. Here he has spent most of his life—as *schoolboy*, a young monk, classics master, housemaster and since 1964 as headmaster.

Today, aged 58, he takes his *turn* at chairing the Headmasters' Conference at its annual meeting in Manchester. The conference consists of the head teachers of the 208 most prestigious public schools. He is certainly the first monk and probably the first Roman Catholic to become chairman in the 100 years of the conference's history.

He is a more austere and remote figure than previous headmasters of Ampleforth. He has little small talk for parents, leaving that side of affairs to *his second master. He is not a* great drinker, but some former pupils have referred to a private predilection for Havana cigars. In Roman Catholic terms he is Vatican Two.

The text for his life is taken from that council's deliberations: "*Of its very nature*, the exercise of religion consists before all else in those internal, voluntary and free acts whereby man sets the course of his life directly towards God."

The course of Father Barry's life is now running directly against Government education policy and the growing tendency to water down the teaching of traditional religion in schools.

His qualities were well expressed by Mr Michael McCrum, Headmaster of Eton: "He was the obvious choice for chairman this year. We all respect his intelligence. He is a very balanced person. He is a saintly person expressing a great deal of spiritual power. He never gets ruffled. He is always on the ball."

"Not since Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries has there been so great a destruction of . . ." So Norman St John-Stevas, Conservative spokesman on education and a co-religionist, has described various aspects of Government education policy on more than one occasion. It is hitting that on the educational plane, rather than in the political arena, a monk should now emerge as an equally formidable critic of government moves to get rid of grammar and independent schools.

Until now the main adversary has been inflation, against which even the cruellest logic is powerless. It costs £1,725 a year to educate a boy at Winchester and £1,617 for a girl to go to Roedean.

The latest figures (for last January) from the Independent Schools Information Service show that parents are not only weathering rising fees but more are queueing to get their children into *independent schools*.

Father Barry said: "The independent schools have shown a very surprising resilience. I would have thought inflation would have had a far bigger effect. I do not say that with any sense of satisfaction. The *pressures* are going to be more tough."

Ampleforth's fees are now £1,485, a big jump from the beginning of the year, when they were £1,134. So far six out of the 700 boys at the school and its junior school have had to be withdrawn because their parents could not meet the increase. Another dozen, maybe a few more, would also have had to be taken away, but the school came to their assistance.

But behind the financial pressure the Government's political moves have taken a new turn. Last week veiled threats gave way to clearer hints of direct action with the publication of an outline of proposed legislation to enforce reluctant authorities to go comprehensive.

A tailpiece said that in future local education authorities would have to review their arrangements for taking up places at independent schools and would have to get permission for this from the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

It is not known exactly how many places at independent schools are paid for by local authorities. Possibly it is only *a few hundred*. But the schools themselves would like it to be a lot more. It is their link with the state; their main retort *when confronted* with accusations of elitism and privilege.

Father Barry will denounce this proposed measure in his address today. He told me it was a very sinister development which would seriously limit the freedom of local authorities.

He said: "It is all part of the underhand campaign against independent schools. They are taking every opportunity they can to knock us. This is the first attempt at discriminatory legislation against us."

Another link with the state is going with the *phasing out* of the direct grant schools as from September 1976, which Father Barry also feels strongly about. The fight to save the *independent* schools is linked with the fight to save the direct grant.

He said: "They have the ideal compromise between independence and state control. If they go, we shall feel more isolated and more vulnerable."

Father Barry's best advertisement is his school. It has striven to give boys of all intelligences and social backgrounds a first-rate education. In its headmaster it has a man of humility and humanity, whose only spark of pride during a visit last weekend to the school came when he referred to the stone memorial to Ampleforth's World War victims in the school library.

I knew he had chiselled it all himself. "There were 127 names on the list, and there are no spelling mistakes", he said.

Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

Aboard the world's biggest nuclear war ship, where planes tuck in their wings and the captain appears on TV

Operating a twin-reactor nuclear power station is one of the more complex tasks in technology today. Other examples would include, say, running an airfield, a large warship, an air traffic control centre; operating a wing of about 100 varied aircraft; and providing all-embracing services for a 5,000-population community.

To ': in charge of any one of these activities could be considered more than enough for any man. As commanding officer of *USS Nimitz*, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the world's biggest warship, Captain Bryan W. Compton Jr, *of Demopolis, Alabama, is in* charge of them all.

Spending a day aboard Nimitz at sea during its visit to Europe involves a rather abrupt arrival, as the snub-nosed, twin-engined utility aircraft (no soft-landing helicopter) hooks the arrestor wire and the passengers are forced back into their seats like astronauts *on a high-g lift-off*.

On the navigating bridge, sitting literally on a pedestal in a comfortable executive armchair, the captain talks of the operational advantages which nuclear power gives him (the two reactors are used both to propel the ship, via conventional steam turbines, and to generate all on-board electrical power).

Endurance is the obvious benefit. The ship can go for 13 years without nuclear refuelling (though its aircraft still need *their* fuel and the 5,000-plus crew need their multifarious supplies rather more frequently).

Less obvious but also important is a fast response to desired changes in propulsive power. On occasion the carrier needs to accelerate to give landing aircraft a strong enough wind over the deck; on *the day of our visit this was* done in only a few minutes.

Taken together, Captain Compton says, these factors give *the commanding officer* a great deal of flexibility.

The nuclear propulsion, though imposing its own *complicated procedures and rigid* standards within the reactor department, has not otherwise affected the way the Nimitz goes about its operational business.

The ship exists to deploy its fighting power, in the strange shapes of its eight squadrons of aircraft. This involves, for example, the big-carrier rituals of Primary Flight Control, a sort of mini-bridge where the precise movements of aircraft on the flight deck are controlled by Commander Carl Erie. We know the commander is in charge because his official title, AIR BOSS, is printed on his yellow shirt.

Also involved are the dark mysteries of the Combat Information Centre, an operational nerve-centre where Commander *Gary MacQuarrie presides over* the radar screens, display boards and soft-glowing tracking charts which are the contact-*points between people's minds* and computer's data.

The aircraft, a strange-looking bunch, fold their wings in bizarre patterns to tuck in tightly on the flight deck. One is so full of expensive electronics, an American pilot avers, that it literally cost more than its weight in gold. Another has a huge flat mushroom on its back, the better to evesdrop electronically on anything within range.

At 1½-hour intervals throughout a 12-hour flying day, the ship launches a group of its aircraft—flung off the deck by four long-run steam catapults—and the previous group lands back *on the ship. Arrester-wire* tensions are adjusted for different aircraft weights; the movements of the aircraft on deck *(and to and from the hangar* decks below) are precisely manipulated.

In the management of these *and the many other operational* and supporting functions on board Nimitz, there is a flexible hierarchy of control leading up to the captain. Specialists such as the Air Boss and the Combat Information Officer take their own decisions within specified limits, keeping the commanding officer informed of what they are doing.

In turn, the commanding officer and his second-in-command, the ship's executive officer, go to what might be considered extreme lengths in keeping the ship's company informed of what is going on, and why.

This extends to a "Dear Abbie", your-question-answered service run by the executive officer; and a recent television appearance by the captain to *explain, among other things*, why he had gone ashore in civilian clothes (which the crew were not allowed to do) *during the ship's visit* to Germany.

A senior public affairs officer spoke seriously of the need for the navy to treat its men as parents treat their children—which, these days, means explaining and answering questions fully. This is fine, but in controlling a ship as big and complex as Nimitz, to whom does Captain Compton address *his* "Dear Abbie" letters?

Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

The Times Diary

Getting ready for the very worst

Gordon Rattray Taylor is an unashamed doomwatcher of long standing. Indeed he makes his living at it and in his new book, *How To Avoid The Future*, published next week, he hits back at those (like me) who deride prophets of gloom, by deriding them.

Merely to look at the chapter headings of the book is sufficient to gauge its flavour. There is Growing Anarchy, followed by Vulnerable World, Tides of Resentment . . . The Roman Parallel, From Chaos to Tyranny, Ungovernability, Financial Disaster, Charmless Elite, Scarcer? Climatic Threat . . . Crowded! *Famine!* . . . *you* get the picture.

Taylor has written books on those themes before, notably *The Doomsday Book* and *The Biological Time-Bomb*, and he says that many of the dire predictions he made in them are already coming true. Yet to meet him in the elegant and seemingly impregnable comfort *of the library of his* Mayfair club, it is hard to imagine that the worst will happen.

Yet Taylor points to the increase in lawlessness, *violence* and social disorder. "Ten years ago when I travelled by air I *didn't wonder whether some*body would blow the plane up. Ten years ago in the place where I live nobody bothered to *lock the door. Now I and nearly* all my neighbours have been burgled."

I argued that there had been other periods of lawlessness in history but that the social structure had survived them. The pendulum would surely swing back away from lawlessness, towards order. Taylor, though, while recognizing that there *have been such changes in the* past, does not believe that the pendulum swings automatically. He thinks we underestimate the possibility of things getting worse.

"A lot of people never think a trend goes any further", he said. "If, say, whisky goes up to 25 shillings a bottle, and you tell people it would go up to 50 *shillings, they would never* believe that. They think it can't get worse. If we were sensible we'd probably be stocking up *with whisky now, even though* it's just gone up."

Taylor thinks that to avoid a *catastrophic* future it is necessary to pay more attention to people's psychological and social well-being, less to economic progress.

Firms which are in the habit of moving senior personnel every two years, for instance, should reconsider whether that habit might be socially harmful. But improvement could only be a long-term aim. "People who will be throwing bombs in 10 years are already born."

I asked him what he and other doomwatchers meant by a collapse of our society. Would *not life in any event go on?* "Well yes", he replied. "When Rome collapsed, Italians continued to inhabit Italy. But for a Roman thrown out of his carriage by slaves in AD 400 the future was a bleak one. It wouldn't have comforted him to know that the Renaissance was going to come in a thousand years time."

Life and soul

Yevgeny Yevtushenko, the Rus*sian poet, now has a written* certificate signed by the Mayor of Cheltenham attesting that he has a sense of humour. It will serve, Yevtushenko says, to convince his wife when he gets home. The presentation took place at a lunch yesterday, before his evening poetry reading as part of the Cheltenham Festival. "He is quite a character", said the mayor, Councillor Leonard Gaylard, a retired garage proprietor. "But of course you have to draw him out."

In fact the tall, blue-eyed Yevtushenko, wearing a pink shirt with long soft lapels and



a multi-coloured Paisley tie, was the life and soul of the party. He kissed the waitresses, told the festival director he could have his photo taken with him "if you pay an old shilling", and said to a reporter that if the reading was to be confined to one hour "I will feel like an elephant in a Chinese shop".

Lord Snow, who had been his host over the weekend, proposed Yevtushenko's health. He said the poet was a passionate Russian patriot, a citizen of the world, and someone whose poetry in 100 years would make people everywhere glad that he had lived.

Yevtushenko, responding, said that professional Sovietologists criticized him for being an ambassador for his country. "I receive no instructions from the Red Kremlin", he said. "I am only very strongly instructed by my own conscience and by my experience." After lunch he went to visit some villages and some Cotswold sheep.

Hectoring

All the seats were taken early for the lunchtime dialogue at St Mary-le-Bow church off Cheapside yesterday, but no man dared give up his place to a woman. For the guest debater was Germaine Greer, champion of women's liberation, who is believed not to approve of that kind of deference.

Dr Greer arrived late, which might explain why the rector, the Rev Joseph McCulloch, was in the most boorish and Devilish *of moods. He constantly inter*rupted, hardly ever letting his hapless guest finish what she was saying. And when she complained, he replied cavalierly: "In 35 minutes we don't have time to finish sentences."

It was the kind of hectoring performance which would rightly have been criticized in a television interviewer and, from their reaction, it was plain that the bulk of the congregation thought McCulloch was being unfair. Because of his attitude, it was hard to determine any theme in the shouting match, but much of it centred on the definition of the phrase "free will".

Dr Greer won applause when she said: "I think on this point you've wilfully misunderstood me," although that was only one possible interpretation of the rector's behaviour.

No useful conclusion was reached and McCulloch closed *with the remark*: "We've all got a blank cheque on life and, according to your doctrine, we don't have to worry who fills *in the full amount.*" I *am not* sure that I can extract any meaning from that metaphor, but from her reaction, it was clear that *Dr Greer did not* regard it as an accurate summary of her views. The Inquisition must have been something like that.

Skin game

The South Africans are killing seals in a horrible manner to make fur coats, according to *David Whiting*, executive director of "Beauty without Cruelty". He has just returned from telling a Washington tribunal that they should continue a ban on United States sealskin imports, after four months investigating the trade in South Africa.

The year-old seals are clubbed and drowned in nets in a grisly and inefficient fashion, he said. Concession-holders, he claimed, pursued him in a 90 mph car-chase and tried to force him off the road when he was filming. They sell skins for up to £3 each to the South African Government, who sell them to the United States and other markets for £10 each to be turned into fur coats.

If the ban is continued in the United States, the soft, silky *seal pelts will increasingly find* their way here, says Whiting. "There is no such thing as a kind fur," he asserts.

Looking back

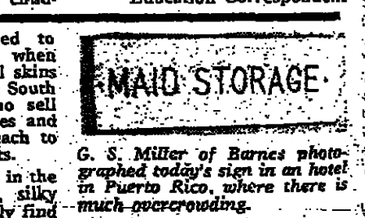
There was an unusual crush even for the Crush Bar of the Royal Opera House on Monday night to celebrate the publication of Dame Margot Fonteyn's autobiography. Even ballet dancers, of whom there were enough in attendance for several gala performances, look a mite ungainly when they are crammed up against each other, trying to cut ham with forks, sip wine, make polite conversation and circulate without elbowing each other's potato salad off the plate.

A *cordon sanitaire* surrounded Dame Margot, looking sylphlike in a flowing dress, and her guest of honour, Princess Margaret, contrastingly dressed in solid blue. When the Princess left, Fonteyn dropped a most courtly curtsey. But Margaret, as she was eased down the room by the impressive bulk of the Opera House's doorkeeper, jerked a thumb backwards over her shoulder with a grin and a wink in a manner that was decidedly folksy.

Fonteyn had been signing books at Harrods for 90 minutes in the afternoon, and had more to do in the evening. She signed. "Margot Fonteyn de Arias" for most, "Margot" for a favoured few. "I used to queue to see you at the New, years ago," one man enthused. "That was a long time ago," she replied coolly. "Yes" he said wistfully. "It only cost sixpence in those days."

After Margaret Thatcher had been to see *Mayor Richard Daley in Chicago, he said: "I've never met a young lady more dedicated, more knowledgeable, more determined, who is setting out to tackle the problems of the world." Mrs T. will be 50 next month, while Daley is 73. One of the things they discussed was elections, with the Conservative two doubtless seeking hints about how to gain and keep office for as long as the indestructible Daley.*

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G. S. Miller of Barnes photographed today's sign in an hotel in Puerto Rico, where there is much overcrowding.

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THE DOLLAR'S RENEWED STRENGTH

The strong showing of the American dollar in foreign exchange markets over recent weeks fulfills a long overdue convergence between medium-term economic realities and short-term market influences. The dollar has now recovered all but 3 per cent of the ground which it lost between the Smithsonian currency realignment of December, 1971, and the low points of the dollar's market disfavour in July, 1973, and again in February this year. At its worst the dollar had fallen, in terms of its value against other leading currencies weighted according to their importance in the American overseas trade, 15 per cent below its Smithsonian parity.

These movements, which include the formal 10 per cent devaluation of the dollar in February, 1973, have been unwound over the past seven months. In the past few weeks, as the International Monetary Fund's gold agreement at its annual meeting in Washington at the beginning of this month has had its impact, the resurgence of the dollar has been matched by a sharp fall in the market price of gold, which has now lost 35 per cent of its value since the end of last year.

These changes must be seen in perspective. The dollar has certainly not recovered anything like its absolute value of December, 1971. Externally it has merely recovered its position in relation to other paper currencies all of whose real purchasing power has fallen at unprecedented rates over the past three years.

The domestic purchasing power of the dollar has fallen by nearly one third since 1971. If the market price of gold levels out somewhere in the $100-$120 per oz range, which was being widely spoken of in Washington at the time of the IMF agreement to rid the Fund progressively of its gold holdings, it will still be worth three times as much as it was when central banks finally gave up the attempt to hold the market price down in March, 1968.

These fundamental adjustments in the value of paper currencies in relation to a commodity like gold which has a direct industrial value and a limited supply were necessary in order to accommodate real changes in value which the old regime of a fixed gold price had sought at first to suppress and finally to disguise.

There have been misgivings that floating exchange rates might be too flexible, making for cumulative and disastrous declines in the values of suspect currencies. During the long period of the dollar's disfavour this fear had some plausibility. The reversal of the exaggerated depreciation of the dollar and of the excessive inflation of the gold price are reassuring evidence that market forces will seek a stable equilibrium and that when market sentiment gets out of line with the underlying economic realities it will in due course be corrected.

The strength of the dollar this year has naturally been reinforced by the large balance of payments surplus which the United States recession has caused. This is in itself a temporary development. Either it will disappear as the United States reflates away from the recession; or it will disappear as the recession spreads more and more deeply to other countries who cannot afford to finance indefinitely a large deficit with the United States.

Recently also the hardening of interest rates in New York has had its usual short-term effect of strengthening the dollar as depositors move to take advantage of the better rates. At the same time there is evidence that the Arab oil-producing countries, who became reluctant at the beginning of the year to go on investing in dollars the one-fifth share of their surpluses which they had previously placed in New York, recovered their confidence from the second quarter.

But there are deeper and more enduring reasons for the dollar's strength; and these include the spreading realization that the United States and its present administration look like offering tougher resistance to the inflation disease, which is enfeebling so many other industrial societies, than either western Europe or Japan. Despite all the criticisms of American budget deficits and balance of payments deficits, the United States has in fact suffered less inflation than western Europe or Japan over almost any recent period of comparison, whether it be the past twelve months, the two years 1973 and 1974 or the ten years 1962 to 1972. There is no reason to think that President Ford and his present advisers intend to spoil their record.

A SECOND ATTEMPT ON THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE

It would be perfectly feasible to give an American president almost total security against assassination. He could travel in closed armoured vehicles, receive only visitors who had been searched and screened, and address the nation only by television. In fact he need not move out of the White House at all. He could spend his entire term in office in an impregnable, bullet-proof, bomb-proof fortress at the centre of a network of electronic communications.

But what this would do to him, to the nation, and to the office he holds is nightmarish to contemplate. Protecting a president in this way would corrupt politics, national life, and very probably the character of the president himself. The damage would be much greater than that caused by the death of the president. If democracy means anything it means that elected leaders retain human beings with at least some direct contact with the voters and the normal life of the nation.

President Ford knows this and to his great credit has tried hard to avoid being isolated by the fences which are erected so quickly around a president by the bureaucracy and the security services. Knowing the risks, he has shown personal courage as well as an intelligent regard for his function. By all accounts he will continue to do so, and he will be right. The main threat, after all, comes not from political conspiracies which threaten the security of the state or the continuity of the political system but from the disturbed outcasts of society, small groups or individuals who think they have a grievance nobody hears or an identity nobody recognizes. Often they seem to be seeking publicity for themselves or a cause rather than the death of the president as such. This tends to make them inefficient, so that in recent attempts the existing level of security has, though seemingly by a hair's breadth, proved adequate.

Obviously American political life would be severely disrupted if the physical risk of being president became too high, just as it would be if security measures become too restrictive. A compromise is the only solution, and each president must find it at his own level.

President Ford has found his at a higher level of risk than, for instance, President Johnson. But he is not being irresponsibly reckless. Unlike many earlier presidents he has a vice-president who is qualified to take over, and the whole chain of succession has now been improved. Security measures are, or should be, improving all the time.

Perhaps one day Congress will begin to take control of firearms seriously. America's appalling laxity in this sphere is a scandal, and if Congress tries to make itself look useful by investigating the President's security arrangements it should not be allowed to escape the obligation to look at its own role in making weapons so easily available to casual assassins. Its responsibility is heavy. Meanwhile, President Ford should continue to trust his own judgment of what is an acceptable level of risk.

ENSION BETWEEN PEKING AND HANOI

led by China for a thousand rs and jealously sustaining ir independence from the inese for the next thousand rs, the Vietnamese might im to have the longest experi- e of any country for which a t of geography is a fact of itics too: theirs is a small ntry nestling uncomfortably ide a big neighbour. Over a g period political sensibilities ome finely tuned, the room manoeuvre is seen to be ited, outright hostility spells ger. Such historical awarenes will certainly be present in discussions in Peking this k undertaken by Mr Le Duan he head of a delegation from oi representing both party government. On both sides will be perceived that the erences between the two tries occasioned by the war Vietnam have become more er than less acute since the apse of the Saigon regime the emergence in all but e of a united communist try on China's southern er.

iere are serious differences, as offshore oil, between a and Vietnam which fall ide any communist context. for the most part the con- arise from the different ions each country has with Soviet Union. This was of course, throughout the Vietnam war. Indeed, the gradual American involvement in that war was almost exactly contemporary with the worsening of the Sino-Soviet dispute. The rivalry between China and Russia was then such that Vietnam's balance between the two was so obvious a resort as not to be an offence. Until the last years of abortive peacemaking both China and Russia were wholly absorbed by their mutual conflict. Playing one off against the other was too easy.

With the war over the Chinese will not appreciate the same tactics. Yet that seems to be the game the Vietnamese are ostentatiously playing. In the changed circumstances this must seem to the Chinese the deliberate flouting of their political interests. Lately the Chinese have been receiving ministers from the Philippines and Thailand and have reassured them that after all they need not be in any hurry to close down American bases in their countries since the Chinese fear that the American departure may open doors for greater Soviet influence.

How much greater must Chinese anxiety be when their communist neighbour not only advertises its unchanged hostility to Americans and all their bases but equally readily proclaims its happy relations with Moscow. Might the Russians gain some presence in Vietnamese ports or on Vietnamese airfields? Such are the fears in Peking that the Vietnamese may be willing to encourage only (gratifyingly) to allay them. At all events if the Chinese are ready to put pressure on the Japanese to sign a clause in a peace treaty rejecting hegemony in Asia (all parties knowing that the Soviet Union is thus designated) how much more pressure may they be willing to exert on Vietnam?

The answer may be that China's scope is limited. The advanced weapons that the Russians could supply while the war was at its height in Vietnam are no longer an advantage they can exploit. But even allowing for conditions of peace can China withhold economic aid? Judging by Hanoi's delegation this is the main issue under discussion in Peking this week—as it has been many times in the past. Of course China is the best source of aid to help Vietnam get on its feet again after so much destruction. That there will be Chinese pressure can be expected, but too much would be self-defeating. China's extreme and unyielding hostility to the Soviet Union has made it easier for the non-communist countries of south-east Asia to adopt a neutralist balance towards both. It is not difficult for the Vietnamese to plead prudence in following a similar policy, whether or not it arouses Chinese anxiety.

t of legal aid

Mr Seton Pollock

The two articles on legal aid ember 12 and 19) by Diana es were so balanced and well rched that I hesitate to com- on them, but there are three s which should be made to misunderstandings.

Despite the meticulous care ised in setting out the financial s in the first article they have misunderstood by some be- it was not made clear that is not one legal aid scheme wo. Of the total cost of "legal of £43m for the year 1973-74, ost of the legal aid scheme ad- ered by The Law Society was £19,621,090. The rest was in- i under criminal legal aid forms no part of that scheme.

It is not the case that Part II : Legal Advice and Assistance 972 was a "drastically cut ver- of The Law Society's original as embodied in the 1949 legislation. On the contrary, it was a greatly expanded plan prepared in the light of the experience gained over the years. Its aim was to achieve a flexibility that would enable it to meet all foreseeable needs in our changing society.

The comment, "unlike the independent centres it would only do *bona fide* legal aid work" could mislead because this would be true only if the 1949 legislation were not further implemented to cover those provisions which Parliament approved 25 years ago but have still not been brought into effect. The scope of the 1972 Act is governed by the 1949 Act. It is quite correct to say that the new extension alone could not cover what can be done on a voluntary and charitable basis, and it is for the Government to decide when this reproach to the National Legal Aid Scheme can be removed.

(iii) The suggestion that the area and local secretaries could fill the gap was made first by the Legal Action Group. It then had to be pointed out that those members of the staff are already under heavy pressure and could not possibly take on these duties. A report shortly to be submitted to the advisory committee will set out just how much they are already doing voluntarily and far beyond the call of duty in all the areas through the concern felt over the deficiencies that remain. It would be irresponsible to adopt that suggestion because it would quickly lead to the breakdown of the whole scheme.

Miss Geddes is to be complimented on a first-class piece of work and I should be sorry if these comments were to be regarded as other than purely explanatory to avoid misunderstandings.

Yours faithfully,
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September 22.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protecting private and public pensions from inflation

From Dr E. B. Lewis

Sir, May I, as a doctor employed in the National Health Service and consequently a member of the NHS Superannuation Scheme, comment on your editorial Pensions, public and private (*The Times*, September 22)?

You rightly comment on the difficulties in the private sector of providing inflation-proofing for pensions during this period of high inflation. You ignore, however, the fact that such periods are in a working life of, say, forty-five years comparatively rare, and that in the much larger periods of relatively stable money, privately funded pensions have frequently done better.

If the "advantage" of public employment pensions is to be taken into consideration in assessing future pay rises, perhaps as doctors we might ask that for instance the following be taken into consideration. Our pensions are actuarily calculated on being able to have put in forty years' service by the age of sixty, despite the fact that it is impossible to qualify before twenty-three or twenty-four years of age, and that having contributed 6 per cent of earnings throughout one's working life, the pension will be abated if one returns to work after retirement for a virtually monopoly employer, however much one's services may be needed.

Of course, to enjoy a pension one must live to collect it. I would suggest that some research into the actual benefits paid to doctors compared to their contributions "dynamised" to reflect inflation might reveal a very poor bargain indeed. Certainly a Consultant at the top of the scale earning just over £10,000 would welcome your suggestion that sufficient allowance must be made for advantages, provided these are not restricted solely to pension or indeed to any one particular group.

He compares himself with the Chief Executive of a failed company, like British Leyland, earning £50,000 and considers the "perks" that have been and are being paid in the private sector, e.g. cars, life assurance policies, subsidised mortgages, bridging loans, private health insurance and subsidised school fees, and dare one mention some recently reported five-figure handouts for the unsuccessful. Free coal, concessionary travel and subsidised or free accommodation are every bit as much a part of total remuneration as a public pension.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN LEWIS,
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September 22.

From Sir John Walley

Sir, As one who has been deeply involved in the development of state pensions policies since 1945, and also as one whose own pension increase next December must seem unreasonable to many, I hope I may be allowed to challenge the apparent assumption of your to-day's Leader that the principles of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1971 are the right ones.

It is a great pity that, until very recently, neither the public nor the private sector was prepared to face up to the consequences for existing pensioners of the inflationary policies both were pursuing. But inflation is not just another word for the rising prices which accompany it. Indeed, it is usually the consequence of *not* raising prices (including taxation and such things as pensions contributions) enough to meet costs that are being incurred. Now that even Mr Crosland is prepared to say that we, as a nation, must accept a lowering of our standards of living if we are to pull through, it seems quite wrong that pensioners, as a class, should make matters worse for others by getting exemption from the general fate through price-indexed adjustments of their own incomes.

History has given the Germans a much better instinctive understanding of the inflationary process than we can have. They have accordingly always insisted on trying their state pensions values to an index of earnings levels rather than one of prices; on the principle that pensioners are not a class apart but must be sharers in the general fate of the nation, bad as well as good.

If we had done the same here it might have seemed easier for the private sector to follow suit. But whether it did or not, "official" pensioners would have escaped the dangerous political jealousies to which their preferential treatment now exposes them.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WALLEY,
46 Rotherwick Road, NW11.
September 22.

From Mr W. M. Jones Powell

Sir, I have lived and practised as a solicitor for over 40 years in a small town of about 6,000 population which until recently has also been the headquarters of (a) a county council, (b) a borough council, (c) a rural district council and (d) a local office of the Income Tax Division of the Inland Revenue, and there is no doubt whatever that it is the level of wages paid to their staffs which control the level paid to private, professional and business staff. The public authority level has many times been quoted to me when negotiating with my staff, and one has had to pay the same or near it, or go without.

Mr Faircloth (September 20) is absolutely right in all he says and Mr Dryden (September 18) quite wrong.

Yours faithfully,
W. M. JONES POWELL,
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September 22.

From Mr L. F. Daniels

Sir, Your insensitive but otherwise admirable leading article today fails to point out the extent of the bitterness and discontent in the country which has been created by the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1971. For example, the article does not indicate the very substantial numbers involved in the category of public servants, the substantive cost of the Act, the effect of that cost as an element in inflation present and prospective and whether parliamentarians have included themselves in the Bill that those of us who have to go on working in the private sector are expected to pay for. On what assumptions was the Act costed and was its effect calculated upon attitudes in our nationalized industries if, as I believe, Parliament was foolish enough to leave them out.

The trade unions of course are not likely to object to another bargaining counter nor is the Staff Side of the Civil Service National Whitley Council likely to object to the ex cathedra pronouncements of the British Institute of Management or for that matter the Boyle Committee. The whole bargaining process must not only be fair but be seen to be fair in the process of cutting democracy's throat!

Mr Grimond did well in his articles last week in your newspaper to draw attention to the widening gulf between bureaucracy and the people. It may not yet be "the great gulf of bankruptcy into which all falsehoods public and private do sink disappearing" but it may well prove the grave of our liberties as a free people.

Yours faithfully,
L. F. DANIELS,
The Mews,
Sherborne Court,
Bourton-on-the-Water,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
September 22.

From Mr Geoffrey Baker

Sir, There is an error in Mr Grimond's article (September 16) which should be corrected, he refers to non-contributory pensions in the local government service. Local government pensions have always been contributory and at 6 per cent for the past 30 years.

Six per cent was something of a hardship when, prior to April 1, 1974, salaries in the service were notoriously low, moreover an actuary would show that a pensioner would have to live for several years after compulsory retirement at 65 to get the full benefit from his own contributions made for 45 years.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY BAKER,
Mote Park House,
Winkfield Road,
Windsor.

Meat hygiene

From Mr R. Johnson

Sir, The statement of Dr Tavernor, President of the British Veterinary Association, at his Association's annual congress that our standards of meat hygiene are lower than in almost every other developed country in the world, cannot be allowed to pass without comment. It is calculated to create alarm but there is not a scrap of evidence, medical or otherwise, that the health of the public is endangered by the form of controls which are now exercised over meat hygiene.

Certainly there are slaughterhouses where higher standards of hygiene are required but the answer is stronger regulations, not veterinary control, which Dr Tavernor obviously regards as the great panacea.

Over a year ago the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food issued draft slaughterhouse regulations with higher standards of construction and equipment. These regulations have not yet been made. In the meantime my own association has set up a working party to carry out an investigation into slaughterhouse standards.

The government have rightly decided, as acknowledged by the Swann Committee, that meat hygiene is essentially an environmental health matter and so therefore a local authority responsibility. To argue for the service to be nationalized is irrelevant to the attainment of higher standards and a blatant example of professional empire building.

Yours faithfully,
R. JOHNSON, Secretary,
The Environmental Health Officers Association,
19 Grosvenor Place, SW1,
September 17.

Conditions in China

From Mr C. Aylmer

Sir, I will not mention the obvious crudities and inconsistencies which constitute the bulk of Mr Levin's tirade (September 19); nor will I dwell on the gratuitous insults, the unsubstantiated allegations, the special pleading and the rabid fanaticism which make his article read like a product of one of the totalitarianisms he affects to deplore.

Instead of pursuing these topics, I will limit myself to commenting on what seems to be Mr Levin's main criticism of the present system of government in China; namely its failure to approximate to that of this country. Mr Levin fails to appreciate that the concept of "democracy" in the modern, Western European sense, is as alien to the people of China as it is to that of the Soviet Union. These countries have never at any time in their histories been governed by "democratic" methods, and if such methods are to prevail they must develop gradually and not be imposed from the outside by force.

The first prerequisite for the establishment of any just society is that the whole population should be adequately fed, clothed and housed. The successful accomplishment of this basic task has been the greatest achievement of the present régime in China, and it has not been done without sacrifice. (If Mr Levin really believes that millions are still starving in China he should consult the published intelligence reports of the United States Government, which has formed a different impression.)

Mr Levin is able to write cleverly and even entertainingly about subjects as diverse as the sharpening of gramophone needles and his mother's dealings with the gas board, and his journalistic legerdemain is beyond dispute. When, however, he turns his attention to matters of more serious import, he would do well to moderate his language and to think very carefully before putting pen to paper.

Yours faithfully,
C. AYLMER,
50 Butler Road,
Harrow,
Middlesex.
September 19.

Finances of NSPCC

From Mr J. D. W. Low

Sir, In your issue dated September 11, on page 2, you printed an item concerning the NSPCC's present financial plight. Due to a misunderstanding the suggestion was made that because of this the society was unlikely to extend its network of special units for the treatment of non-accidentally injured children. Could I please correct this impression?

Most of the NSPCC's special units are financed mainly by grants from central and local government. The society is always prepared to consider applications from local authorities for the establishment of special units if sufficient funds are made available.

As at December, 1974, the latest date for which figures are available from the national register, the number of non-accidentally injured children (under the age of four) being referred to the society was three times greater than at the time the NSPCC began its research programme in 1968. Moreover, there has been a sharp increase in the number of parents who, being aware of the dangers, have themselves sought help from the society. We are determined that, if the resources can be made available, this work will be expanded to meet the need.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. W. LOW,
Assistant Director,
National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children,
1 Riding House Street, W1.
September 16.

Emergency dentistry

From Mr E. D. Morgan and Mr A. F. Weedon

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Rizvi, is the unfortunate victim of a steadily deteriorating situation in which the dental profession is like the nut in the nutcracker.

The manpower situation is such that there is only one dentist for nearly 5,000 people in the United Kingdom as opposed to one for 1,200 people in Scandinavia. As less than 40 per cent of the population attend regularly for treatment and as the dental profession is solidly booked ahead by people requesting treatment, any request for emergency treatment represents an extension of an already overloaded day. Any such extension creates tension between the dentist and his staff and family, and between the practice and patients who have to wait longer for treatment.

There are three practical solutions to this situation. The long term one is an increase in manpower. St George's Hospital, SW17 is to have an enlarged dental school, but such projects should be accelerated because any increase in manpower can only be gradual and small. A more effective medium term solution is fluoridation of the water supplies which brings a life long benefit in the form of a 45 per cent to 50 per cent reduction in dental decay to those who are born after its introduction. The third and more immediate solution would be the payment of overtime rates to volunteers from an already unacceptably overloaded profession to staff an emergency service.

As community expectations rise and increased demands are made on the health professions the inevitable result is rationing of health care. In the dental field this has to be done by cost or time and in other fields where the emergencies are more acute, by time, which of course can be circumvented by cost also.

Yours sincerely,
E. D. MORGAN, Chairman,
A. F. WEEDON, Secretary,
Merton, Sutton & Wandsworth Area Health Authority (Teaching) Area Dental Committee,
14 Atkins Road, SW12.
September 23.

Nalgo and hospitals

From Mr Trevor Riches

Sir, The action of Nalgo in advising its members "how to thwart applications for private hospital building" is surely monstrous. Never mind the merits or otherwise of private medicine, it is quite intolerable and, indeed, a threat to democratic procedures for a union to seek to usurp the power of elected members of local authorities in this way.

How long, one wonders, before they start dictating from Nalgo headquarters what type of houses should be permitted and, indeed, what colour front doors.

We have almost grown accustomed to the trade unions running the Government—is this now to spread to the local authorities?

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR RICHES,
55 Druid Hill,
Stoke Bishop,
Bristol.
September 22.

Whisky for Italy

From Mr Murray Cabot

Sir, The Italian protests against the arbitrary imposition of a French import tax on their wines are clearly justified. In this case, however, the pot is calling the kettle black.

Since September 12, 1974, the Italians have been levying a discriminatory 30 per vent VAT on Scotch whisky, whilst charging only 12 per cent on brandy and other competing spirits. Despite representations to both their government and the EEC Commission, nothing has apparently been done to remove this anomaly, which clearly discourages sales of Scotch in Italy. As a result, 1975 exports of Scotch criminatory 30 per cent VAT on cent in value, amounting to a reduction in a full year of an estimated £8,000,000 of valuable foreign earnings.

Before giving support to the Italians for removal of the French tax, the British Government should insist that the Italian Government reduces VAT on Scotch to the level of competing products.

Yours faithfully,
MURRAY CABOT,
44 Courthope Road, NW3.

Future role for the GLC

From Mr Douglas Eden

Sir, The developing debate on whether the GLC should be abolished has been very uneven and Christopher Warman's more balanced report is therefore welcome (*The Times*, Sept 22).

It seems to be widely assumed that the GLC is a strategic authority. The fact is it is not and cannot be under present legislation. To be a strategic authority the GLC must be a regional government, which requires a greater degree of financial independence and administrative responsibility than Westminster and Whitehall have been willing to grant or recognize.

Instead, the GLC is encouraged to be a super-executive local authority on a massive scale—a giant 33rd London Borough — sandwiched between the 32 genuinely local authorities in London and the one truly strategic authority in Whitehall.

The GLC lacks even the most fundamental power any regional government must have: the power to make significant capital grants for approved projects, the only effective and economic way to influence, let alone enforce, strategic policy for Greater London. Consequently, for example, the GLC finds itself competing with the boroughs for land and resources to build houses rather than assisting the boroughs with the most serious problems to help themselves.

Cast as a strategic planning authority, the GLC lacks any power to implement an industrial and employment policy on any but the most trivial scale.

Disbarred from overseeing London's development on a regional scale, County Hall has little scope for initiating and implementing policy outside its clearly defined executive functions. It thus appears to the boroughs as a mausoleum from which a dead hand extends to interfere with local affairs or compete with local initiatives.

Many local political parties put up GLC candidates who, when elected, will devote their energies at County Hall largely to making sure "Big Brother" keeps his nose out of their boroughs except when some way can be found to exploit his resources for parochial interests.

For 10 years the GLC has been a handy whipping-boy cum scapegoat for successive Governments. Now, with the nation besieged by inflation, economic crisis and increasing challenges to our democratic institutions, the plight of the GLC is more chronic, disabling and apparent. The time has come for central government to decide once and for all whether it is prepared to permit the establishment of practical and workable regional government.

It is perhaps even more incumbent on the GLC leadership, on both sides of the chamber, to press more openly and dramatically for this decision to be taken. Time is running out and credibility is already under too great a strain. Either the GLC is accorded a legitimate, sensible productive regional role or Whitehall will eventually find demands for its abolition politically impossible to resist.

Yours,
D. EDEN,
Member of the GLC for Hounslow, Feltham and Heston,
County Hall, SE1.
September 23.

Mrs Thatcher in US

From Mr R. P. Noakes

Sir, From recent experience of talking to American audiences about Britain, I am not at all surprised to learn from your Washington correspondent (September 22), that Mrs Thatcher's pronouncements on British domestic affairs have been well received. What she has reportedly been saying is just what the majority of her listeners would have wanted to hear—good right-wing, Conservative stuff with plenty of swipes at the twin bogies of socialism and state controls—and all in a British accent. No wonder Mr William Buckley approved.

All this may well have enhanced Mrs Thatcher's stature and so done Britain some good. What relevance has it, however, to the very real, continuing need to tell our American friends about Britain as it is? The fact is that we have been irrevocably committed by successive postwar governments to ways of developing our social and economic affairs which are anathema to most Americans and which they believe are the cause of all our troubles.

The solution, I was often told, was to get rid of all that terrible socialism, eg, the concept of a mixed economy, the welfare state, nationalization and so on. I fear that too many of Mrs Thatcher's nice, receptive audiences may have been confirmed in a belief—contrary, I am sure, to her best intentions—that such a fundamental revision of postwar trends is both possible and also Conservative policy. Surely it is neither. Mrs Thatcher's successes in the United States may have been too easily won.

Yours faithfully,
P. R. NOAKES,
Eaton Hey,
The Drive,
Cobham,
Surrey.
September 22.

Reorganizing

From Mr Evelyn King,
Conservative MP for Dorset South

Sir, The fruits of classical scholarship, inherent in the Dorset Association of Local Councils, deserve publicity.

The Association has unearthed the statement of Caius Petronius, sometime Roman Consul:

"We trained hard but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams we would be reorganized. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganizing and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralization."

Yours truly,
EVELYN KING,
House of Commons.
September 19.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

September 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as Patron of Days of Finnish Music-Making, was present this evening at a concert given by the Tapiola Children's Choir at Queen Elizabeth Hall.

The Lady Elizabeth Cavendish and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

September 23: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester today visited Skipton and Settle and the neighbouring area at the invitation of the Settle and District Civic Society in connexion with National Architectural Heritage Year.

Their Royal Highnesses travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland and Mrs Michael Wigley were in attendance.

Princess Anne will open the Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, on October 30.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a memorial concert for Sir Arthur Bliss at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, on November 12.

Birthdays today

Miss Svetlana Beriosova, 43; Marshal of the RAF Sir William Dickson, 77; Sir Seymour Egerton, 60; Sir Robin Kinahan, 59; Sir John Laing, 96; Air Marshal Sir John Lapsley, 59; Sir Gilbert Rennie, 80; Professor Sir Owen Saunders, 71; Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Smeeton, 63; Major-General P. G. Whitefoord, 81.

Latest wills

Sir Edward Hardy, of Ashford, Kent, chairman of Kent County Council from 1936 to 1949, left £259,144 net. He left £1,000 each to St Christopher's Church, Boughton Aluph, and to Wye College, for equipment to benefit students.

Miss Gertrude Jane Dickinson, of Washington, Tyne and Wear, left £25,865 net. She bequeathed all her property to the RSPCA.

Other estates include (net before duty paid):

Rockley, Mrs Lily, of Richmond, Surrey £147,300

Bird, Mrs Amy Gertrude, of Regent's Park £136,073

Rokos, Mr Alexander, of Hampstead £140,885

Luncheons

H M Government

Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a u n cheon held yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of heads of delegations to the IMCO Maritime Safety Committee.

GLC

The Chairman of the Greater London Council was host at luncheon at County Hall yesterday when she entertained voluntary workers from the London boroughs of Barking, Barnet, Bexley and Brent.

Receptions

HM Government

Baroness Birk, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of the Environment, who has special responsibility for conservation matters, was the host last night at an official reception at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, for some 300 representatives of architectural and conservationist bodies from European and other countries currently attending the International Seminar at Greenwich on Structural Preservation of Historic Buildings and Monuments. The seminar was organized jointly by the Department of the Environment and the International Centre for Conservation, Rome, as a contribution to European Architectural Heritage Year.

Ministry of Overseas Development

Mr Reg Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, and Lord Garner, Chairman of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, were hosts yesterday at a reception held in honour of Commonwealth scholars at Lancaster House.

Today's engagements

Princess Margaret visits RAF Bruggen, Germany, 11.30.

Exhibition of T'ang Buddhist paintings, the British Museum, 10-5.

Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Tapestry Court, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-6.

Display of wedding dresses: illustrating the development of the white wedding dress over 200 years, Bethnal Green Museum, 10-6.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. K. Chapman and Miss M. Groeneveld

The engagement is announced between Gavin Knox, son of Major and Mrs H. K. Chapman, of Palmesend Farm, Tring, Hertfordshire, and Marlene, daughter of Mrs A. A. C. Groeneveld, of Ness, Wirral, Cheshire, and the late Mr A. Groeneveld.

Mr G. E. Dent and Miss E. Cochrane

The engagement is announced between Gerald Dent and Evelyn Cochrane, both of Storrington, Sussex.

Mr P. M. G. Glossop and Miss G. E. Row

The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Captain and Mrs G. B. Glossop, of Ashbrook, Middlemoor, Tavistock, Devon, and Gillian, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Row, of Whistley House, Potterne, Devizes, Wiltshire and Lake Shore Towers, Cudahy, Wisconsin, United States.

Mr M. B. Spencer and Miss L. Steengaard Jensen

The engagement is announced between Martin Benedict, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Seymour Spencer, of Headington, Oxford, and Lisbet, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Therkel Steengaard Jensen, of Havnbjerg, Als, Denmark.

Mr D. R. Tennant and Miss D. J. Seabrook

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Colonel and Mrs H. T. Tennant, of La Vignette, Trinity, Jersey, Channel Islands, and Jane, daughter of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs G. L. Seabrook, of Smugglers, Crowborough, Sussex.

Marriages

The Hon C. J. Sharples and Miss S. J. Sweeny

The marriage took place yesterday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, W1, of the Hon Christopher Sharples, elder son of the late Sir Richard Sharples and of Baroness Sharples, of Chawton, Hampshire, and Miss Sharon Sweeny, elder daughter of Mr Robert Sweeny, of Montagu Square, London, W1, and of the late Mrs Jaime Ortiz-Patino. Father Peter Blake officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lady Teresa Manners and Miss Frances Macgregor. Mr Johnathan Goedhuis was best man.

A reception was held at the House of Lords.

Mr J. Holenstein and Miss C. Tötterman

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 13, 1975, at Haapajarvi Church, Kyrkslatt, Finland, between Mr Johannes Holenstein, of Zurich, Switzerland, and Miss Clare Tötterman, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christian Tötterman, of Basta, Jorvas, Finland. Canon Eric Staples officiated. The bride was attended by Victoria Webster and Miss Nicola Tötterman.



Lord Shinwell and Mr Ronald Hayward with two of Labour's historic posters.

Labour sells souvenirs of 75 years

By Philip Howard

The Labour Party is celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of its foundation by publishing various commemorative and celebratory objects. They include reproductions of previously unpublished documents from Labour's archives, vividly illustrating the personalities and political struggles of the party's first 75 turbulent but remarkably successful years.

Lord Shinwell, one of Labour's grand aboriginal souvenirs, and Mr Ronald Hayward, the party's general secretary, introduced the commemorative items in Transport House yesterday.

The party, of course, has much deeper roots; but it derives its formal origin from the inconspicuous meeting of the Labour Representation Committee in London in 1900, that fissiparous little cloud, no bigger than a man's hand, which has grown into one of the natural parties of government.

Reproductions of historic posters for sale include Keir Hardie's election poster for Merthyr Tydfil in 1910, brimming with passionate rhetoric about the hooligans in uniform and political hypocrites of the Churchill type:

"The men on strike are believed by millions of people to know nothing of the facts, to be wild, riotous, drunken, worthless scamps, whereas the very opposite is the truth."

A folder of reproductions of historic documents includes a letter from Lenin in 1905, thanking the Labour Party for a donation and saying that he will send the money to the widows and orphans of working men killed in St Petersburg.

There is a copy of Harold Laski's famous letter to Clement Atlee in 1945 inviting him to resign as leader on the ground that his leadership was a grave handicap to Labour's hopes of victory in the coming election. That eloquent and priggish manuscript provoked the famous Atlee counterblast that a period of silence on Laski's part would be greatly appreciated.

A brown commemorative bust of Keir Hardie, made from polyester resin, is being sold for £9.50. And there is a handsome illustrated history of the Labour Party selling for 60p; it deals with the stirring days of the founding fathers, the continual fraternal squabbles, and the brave new socialist future with Harold Wilson leading his troops into a pink sunset.

Lord Shinwell said: "Considering the opposition it has encountered, and the problems after problems not of its own making but inherent in the situation, the rise and success of the Labour Party has proved almost miraculous."

Professor Royden Harrison, director of the Centre for Social History at Warwick University, said that the Labour Party's biggest contribution in its first 75 years had been its reform of the other parties' attitudes to unemployment, education and national health.

Mr Hayward said: "If the party is served as well in its next 75 years as it has been in the past, then we need have no fears of the future."

Nine gold medals testify to high quality of RHS show

By Our Horticultural Correspondent

The two halls of the Royal Horticultural Society at Westminster are filled to capacity by the autumn show. Not only are there more exhibits than last year, the quality is extremely high and the nine gold medals awarded prove it.

Just inside the new hall is the gold medal group of roses and rose hips from John Mattock Ltd. It includes five bowls of the floribundas, City of Belfast, scarlet; Courvoisier, yellow; Piccasso, bright red; Piccadilly, scarlet and gold; and Pascali, white among the hybrid teas.

Three dahlia exhibitors gained a gold medal, Aylett Nurseries Ltd, John Crutchfield Ltd, and Three Counties Nurseries.

Looking back over the RHS autumn shows we can remember years when the halls were ablaze with gorgeous autumn foliage. So far this year the trees and shrubs have been slow to colour, but in the gold medal exhibits of Hillier and Sons, Southdown Nurseries, and Notcutts Nurseries Ltd there are some good examples of acers, Nyssa sylvatica, Vitis coignetiae and other colourful trees and shrubs.

Ornamental fruits are there in fair quantity and Mr L. Maurice Mason, Fincham, King's Lynn, gained a gold medal for an interesting group which included many rose hips, Cotoneaster pendula, Viburnums, Symphoricarpus White Hedge, and Euonymus europaeus Fincham.

In the middle of the new hall is a splendid gold medal group of greenhouse and house plants from T. Rochford and Sons Ltd, with saintpaulias, Pleomete reflexa, with green and yellow striped leaves, codiaeums, Bougainvillea glabra variegata, Hibiscus Dorothy and Begonia Fireglow among many other interesting plants.

In the old hall, the central exhibit is of a large group of poinsettias, with codiaeums, ferns and dieffenbachias from the Borough of Hammersmith.

The National Association of Arrangement Societies have staged a display entitled "From Gertrude Jekyll to Constance Spry". In this hall too is a striking exhibit of heathers with bronze on golden foliage.

In addition to the first class certificate given to Pontentilla Red Act, a first-class certificate was awarded to Melianthus major as a shrub with ornamental foliage, from Mr C. Lloyd, Northiam.

Awards of merit were given to:

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis Variegata with cream and green foliage; and to Ficus elastica decora Abidjan with dark green foliage, both from T. Rochford & Sons Ltd. Acer davidii George Forrest scarlet foliage and seeds; Aralia nudicaulis with purple seeds; Acer capillipes scarlet foliage, pink seeds, all from Messrs Hillier & Sons: Phalaenopsis Layia Beard "Moni Millais" white, veined lilac; and Paphiopedilum fairrieanum v concolor "Moni Millais" a limy white and green flower, both from Mr E. E. Young. Impeatis, and Rhyncaides Blue Princess, pale blue from Phalaenopsis Ltd.

The show will be open today from 10 to 8 pm and tomorrow from 10 to 5 pm.

Victorian table fetches £1,550

A sale of antique furniture fetched £29,056 at Phillip's yesterday of which £1,550 was paid for a Victorian walnut centre table. A sale of jewelry realized £58,540 and S. and J. Phillips paid £5,200 for a chrysoberyl cat's eye and diamond pendant.

Bermuda Stamps: A specialized collection of Bermuda stamps formed by Mr H. D. Hicks, a Canadian senator, realized £36,533 at Robson Lowe's in Pall Mall yesterday. our Philatelic Correspondent writes. Top price was £2,000 paid for a used imperforate example of the 1865 1d dull rose.

Hampton Court and Kew winter opening

The royal tennis court, the kitchens and the cellars at Hampton Court will be closed to the public after next Tuesday when the summer season of lecture tours ends. Winter charges for admission will operate from next Wednesday. The state apartments, the vine and the exhibition of the Mantegna paintings will remain open. The Royal Mews exhibition will continue until October 5 and the maze will remain open until the end of next month.

Kew Palace and Queen Charlotte's Cottage, Kew Gardens, will close after October 25.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Sir John Gray, secretary of the Medical Research Council to be deputy chairman. The following to be members: Professor A. J. Buller, Professor of Physiology, Bristol University; Professor A. P. M. Forrest, Regius Professor of Clinical Surgery, Edinburgh University; Dr H. Kay, Vice-Chancellor, Exeter University; and Dr C. M. S. Saunders, Medical Director, St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, September 23, 1950

Agricultural workers in England and Wales are to get an increase in minimum wages of 6s a week for men and 5s a week for women, with proportionate increases for juveniles and casual workers and in overtime rates and holiday pay.

This is the largest increase to be obtained by any major section of work-people for a long time, and is certain to increase the pressure for wage advances now being put forward by other groups.

The minimum wage for men on farms will be £5 a week and for woman land-workers 76s a week.

Scottish agricultural wages are governed by a separate board, but usually keep parallel to those in England and Wales.

Church news

Diocese of Peterborough

The Rev J. G. Cox, Rector of Thorpe Malsor, Kettering, and Peterborough Diocesan Director of Education, to be a non-residentiary canon of Peterborough Cathedral.

The Rev J. J. Morton, Vicar of St Andrew's, West Kirby, diocese of Chester, to be Vicar of St Matthew's, Northampton.

Resignation

The Rev P. Simpson, Rector of Widdington and archdeaconry youth chaplain, diocese of Chelmsford, on November 30.

OBITUARY

ST-JOHN PERSE
A great European poet



St-John Perse, the French poet and Nobel Prize winner, died on September 20 at Presqu'île de Giens, in the south of France, at the age of 88.

A curious and in many ways detached figure in European literature, from his birth on a West Indian coral island, his extreme modesty, his career as a diplomat pursued under his real name, Alexis Léger, and his profound yet atheistic optimism, his work ranks among the most important in twentieth-century poetry.

His work was never easily assimilable by the general reader. A poet's poet, though not necessarily thereby regarding himself as a literary one, his admirers and translators included from the outset men like T. S. Eliot and Rilke. Yet his poems celebrate his perception and conviction of the triumphant nature of human life. Though both he and T. S. Eliot share the early twentieth-century's preoccupation with the rediscovery of the values of the past, St-John Perse's *Anabase*, with its continuous celebration of the rites of nature, is at a far remove from the literary despair of *The Waste Land*.

Marie-René-August-Alexis Saint-Léger Léger was born on May 31, 1887, on an island near Guadeloupe in the Antilles. The community around him was peopled with Africans, Asians and native Caribbeans besides the French and other Europeans, and the child delighted in the richness and joy of that exotic world, while at the same time belonging to a cultured French family. In 1889 the family returned to France, settling in the town of Pau, and the future poet attended the lycée, where he still gave his home town as far-off Pointe-à-Pitre for the prize-day list on which he figured in 1903. The great botanist, Father Düss, gave him his taste for botany, which he developed in the Pyrenees, together with a knowledge of birds and geology; these alongside his philosophic, linguistic, and literary interests, besides music, on which he later wrote a series of articles.

Before going to Bordeaux University in 1904, he had met Francis Jammes; and soon after, began a lifelong friendship with Claudel. Alain-Fournier, Odilon Redon and Gide were also of this circle, and the editor of the *Nouvelle Revue Française*, Valérie Larbaud.

After his father's death he entered (on Claudel's advice) the diplomatic corps. In 1914 he joined the diplomatic service as an attaché, and quickly rose in his chosen career. He was posted to the French Legation at Pekin and promoted to Secretary. There he spent the next five years. Called in 1921 to an international conference on arms restriction in Washington as political expert on Far Eastern affairs, he was noticed by Aristide Briand, who chose him as his *chef de cabinet*, and with whom he remained in close association until Briand's death in 1932. He played a considerable rôle in the Locarno agreements (1925) and in the 1928 Briand-Kellogg pact outlawing war, and also at the League of Nations. As Secrétaire Générale from 1933, and with the highest civil honours France could bestow, Léger held office and represented his country at conferences where he met all the leaders soon to confront one another as enemies—Stalin, Churchill, Mussolini, Hitler. In the face of the growing Nazi menace, he constantly opposed the policy of appeasement.

In 1940 France's Prime and Foreign Minister, Paul Reynaud, influenced by intrigue at an unstable time, unconstitutionally dismissed Léger in May, 1940. He refused the sop of a post as Ambassador in Washington, and, without returning to his flat, drove to Arcachon (where his mother was living) and when in June Reynaud resigned his office to Pétain, left France as Hitler's troops entered Paris. By Hitler, he was a marked man: the Gestapo ransacked his flat in search of State papers, but found instead five complete cycles of poems by "St-John Perse", a drama and a philosophical essay. None of these has been recovered.

After spending a few weeks in England with his opposite number Lord Vansittart, conferring with Churchill, Halifax and others, he crossed the Atlantic; for personal reasons he did not feel able to work with de Gaulle. In October the Vichy government deprived him of his nationality, property and civil honours (he was a Grand Officier of the Legion of Honour) all of which were restored only after the Liberation. He proudly refused any work, in the United States, in connexion with government; and, with the help of a modest bursary from the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, he accepted (as did Thomas Mann) "consultative work".

Although his rights were fully restored to him in 1944, Léger chose to remain en disponibilité until his official retirement in 1950. He returned to France only in 1957, for the first time since his exile, to take possession of a house presented to him by American friends and admirers at Presqu'île de Giens, not far from Hyères. At the age of 70 he had married, in Washington, Dorothy Russell, née Milburn; and continued, from that time, to divide his year between France and America.

Honours were heaped upon him, both in America and in France, culminating in the Nobel Prize for Literature awarded in 1960.

The full and rich life of Alexis Léger is an indication of the stature, not an explanation of the work of "St-John Perse". Beyond a small circle few, before 1940 when his diplomatic career ended, were aware that the poet Perse was the same person as the diplomat Léger. Yet, his knowledge of literature, philosophy and the other arts notwithstanding, he wrote less from an enthusiasm for "letters" than from his experience of the "marvels" of the world. Eliot, he said, owed his rich vocabulary to his knowledge of language and literature; his own (no less rich) he owed to his knowledge of many things—plants and their uses; birds, ships; many lands and their peoples, many seas. Like Joseph Conrad (who had given the young poet his friendship, and whom he supremely admired) he wrote not from books but from direct experience. Through Conrad he had also met the English naturalist W. H. Hudson; it was men like these—naturalists and seafarers—who were his poetic tutors.

His first poems, *Images à Crusoe*, were composed when he was 17; and a few years later, *Pour fêter une enfance*, and *Eloges*—all these memories and celebrations of Guadeloupe and his native Caribbean. His first volume, *Eloges* (published by the help of Gide) was noticed by Proust and mentioned in *A l'Ombre des Jeunes Filles en Fleur*.

Anabase was written in a disused temple near Pekin after a journey to Outer Mongolia; *Amitié du Prince* (in praise of a Malayan potentate he had known) on his return voyage from Peking by way of the South China Sea, Samoa, Oceania and the Western Seaboard of the United States.

Although known in England chiefly through T. S. Eliot's fine translation (1931) of *Anabase* (published in French, 1924) the years of his greatest poetic productivity were the years of his exile in Washington; the tragedy of Alexis Léger was the opportunity of the "poet, brother of the prince". He was a man who never looked back: once, in a yacht, he sailed round the coast of his native island, yet would not go on shore. For him, the great horizons of the American continent opened towards the future into which humanity (nature's latest and greatest advancing wave of life) travelled on into ever new fields of experience. *Exil* (1947), although occasioned by his own banishment, was "a poem of the eternity of human exile. A poem born of nothingness and made of nothingness." Yet for him that Oriental "void" was the rich mother of marvels: "La terre enfante des merveilles", he wrote in *Anabase*. His eyes found these marvels everywhere, from the vultures that circle over the city of Washington or the fungi that thrive on poster-glue, to mankind's perpetual migration into the future of the earth.

If his work has been more widely known and appreciated in America than in England, this is doubtless because the wide horizons of his forward vision finds there its natural landscape and its natural response. It is also thanks to the admirable translations of his work made by several distinguished poets and men of letters and published, in bilingual editions, by the Bollingen Foundation. These include *Exil* (1945), a tetralogy including *Poème à l'Etrangère* (1942), *Pluies* (1943) and *Neiges* (translated by the Irish poet and ambassador Denis Devlin), *Vents* (1946), *Amers* (1957), translated by Wallace Fowlie, *Chroniques*, translated by Robert Fitzgerald (1959), and *Oiseaux* (1962) with illustrations by Braques. *Anabase* and his later works have been translated into many languages.

Alexis Léger was a wonderful conversationalist, though preferring to speak of the world and its marvels rather than on "literature". To be a poet, he held, is a way of life; he avoided all things academic, never forgetting that "the birth of a book is the death of a tree" and how few books are worth the tree they kill. His only public statement on the theme of poetry was his speech of acceptance of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

After the death of Claudel and of T. S. Eliot, St-John Perse was unquestionably the greatest poet writing in any Western European language.

MR JUSTICE BRABIN

Mr Justice Brabin, a Judge of the High Court since 1962, died on September 22 at the age of 62.

In 1965 he was asked by the Home Secretary, Sir Frank Soskice, to conduct an independent inquiry into the case of Timothy Evans who was hanged in 1950 for the murder of his infant daughter. The inquiry took 32 days and Brabin's report, published in October, 1966, ran to 158 pages.

In his report Brabin gave it as his opinion that Evans probably did not murder his daughter. He suggested that John Reginald Halliday Christie, who in 1953 confessed to strangling six women, probably killed the child and that Evans probably murdered his wife, Beryl.

Evans and his wife and their child lived at 10 Rillington Place, Notting Hill, London, the home of Christie. Christie was also hanged.

The judge believed that it was impossible now to come to a conclusion on the guilt or innocence of Evans "beyond reasonable doubt" in either case. Shortly after the report was published Evans was granted a posthumous free pardon.

Daniel James Brabin, the son of William Henry Brabin, was born on August 14, 1913 and educated at Douai School and Trinity Hall, Cambridge. He was a pupil of Lord Shawcross and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1936. He became a Master of the Bench in 1960. In the Second World War he saw service in the Royal Artillery and won a Military Cross in 1945. He took silk in 1951 and was Recorder of Bolton from 1953 to 1962.

He married in 1949 Mary, daughter of John McParland.

Brigadier Henry Claude Warrington Eastman, DSO, MVO, who died on September 20, was CRA 50th Division, 1942 (Western Desert) and CRA 4th Indian Division 1944-47 (Italy and Greece).

Lady Bosanquet, widow of Sir Ronald Bosanquet, KC, died on September 19 at the age of 88. She was Mary Acland, eldest daughter of F. H Anson, and she was married in 1911. Her husband died in 1952.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Weston Cracroft-Amcotts, MC, DL, JP, has died at the age of 86. He was a JP for Lindsey, Lincs, in 1924, Deputy Lieutenant for Lincolnshire in 1936 and High Sheriff of the county in 1954.

SIR ALAN HUDSON DAVIES

Mr R. H. Bulmer writes:

Your obituary of Sir Alan Hudson Davies contained no reference to the most formative period of his life, 1924 to 1941. During this time he spent four years with the National Institute of Industrial Psychology, gaining insight into a wide range of industrial problems, five years with ICI at Billingham, followed by eight years as works manager and director of H. P. Bulmer Ltd. It was at Hereford, mainly through Fred Bulmer, that he first became interested in public work. On the city council and in the cider business he both gave and received much. He had a natural air of authority which he could exert quietly, calmly and wisely. He married in 1928 Andrea Rheinhardt, of Christiansand, Norway, daughter of a shipowner, and leaves two sons and a daughter. After this marriage was dissolved he married Marfa, daughter of the Russian singer Chaliapin, and was an affectionate stepfather to her daughter.

Lady Peirse died on September 20. She was Mary Joyce, daughter of Armitage Ledgard, and she married Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Peirse in 1915. The marriage was later dissolved by divorce.

Archaeology report

Guernsey: Château's medieval and modern history

Recent excavations at the Château des Marais, Guernsey, have uncovered two principal periods of activity: intensive occupation and construction on the site during the nineteenth century and an occupation extending throughout the thirteenth century. No evidence of occupation between those two dates was found, although material of an earlier date may yet be uncovered.

Investigation was carried out in three areas: on the east side of the entrance to the lower bailey; a section across the ditch; and an area inside the ring work on the west side.

The area just inside the gate was investigated as there were extant structures, the floors of which underlay the existing cut on wall. These ruinous structures were found to be pig-sties, which had been used for another purpose at some time early in this century. The structures were removed and the stone floors exposed and when they were lifted it was found that they had been constructed upon a substantial deposit of tipped stone which contained in quantity mid to late nineteenth century pottery.

When the whole extent of the building had been examined it was found to have been constructed on this tip, which in turn rested on a thin soil layer overlaying a substantial tip of brown clay material containing food bones and ceramics, the latter mostly of the thirteenth century. Adjacent to this building was a ditch which had been cut in the nineteenth century and back-filled; it is thought that it had been dug to drain the main ditch of the château.

The main ditch was excavated in full and was found to be 8m long by 2.30m deep. The lower levels were of sedgy material, containing pieces of wood and part of a wooden bowl. The wood, when broken, was fibrous and white on the inside.

From that level and the one above it fragments of nineteenth-century pottery and roof tiles were discovered.

Pottery of the nineteenth and early twentieth-century was found through all the levels. As there was evidence for draining the ditch at some time during the nineteenth-century, it is probable that the ditch, although medieval in origin, was recut in the nineteenth-century.

The ring-work was sectioned by two quadrilateral cuttings adjacent to the extant dry stone wall. It could already be seen that the dry stone wall stood clear of any foundation, and it was known that extensive horticulture in the area might have destroyed later features.

It was possible, however, to discover the remains of two structures of importance. The first was the corner of a building from which apparently there leads a path; five levels of pathway were found passing through various kinds of courtyard, mostly constructed of cobble and loose stone, and underneath the lowest path was a pit, containing material that can be dated to the early thirteenth century, if not earlier.

The building in question was uncovered only in part. It may be a chapel that was dedicated in 1247. The building was constructed into a spread of rubbish clearly defined as a black layer with white sand on it, and such layers occurred at other points on the site, one underneath a clay bank which it is thought was a rampart upon which there was a flight of seven steps.

The building has massive foundation stones and can be traced for about 4 metres in one direction and if continuing in the other direction will probably lie under the first building. It has not yet been possible to give a date for this particular building but it must come at a date much earlier than that given to the upper one. Perhaps one is now looking at a building that may have been constructed on the site as early as 1030, the earliest date at which Robert le Diable is said to have ordered the building of three castles.

The main recognizable ancient activities at the château so far uncovered point to a considerable occupation of the area in probably two periods, one possibly in the eleventh or early twelfth century, and one certainly at the end of the twelfth and into the thirteenth century.

A thirteenth-century date is most likely because it is the date when most Channel Island medieval fortifications began to appear after the fall of France in 1204. The pottery has yet to be fully examined but first appraisal suggests that it is mainly of the thirteenth century.

There is no earlier material at the château, with the exception of a scatter of flint flakes, some of which have been worked. No other artifacts indicate any occupation earlier than medieval or later than medieval, with the exception of the nineteenth and early twentieth century.

By Norman Hammond
Archaeological Correspondent



Latest pamphlets

Sad story of a lost secret

Ruskin Pottery. By James H. Ruston. Edward R. Taylor had completed one successful career—he retired in 1898 as head of Birmingham School of Art—when he embarked with his son, W. Howson Taylor, on setting up the Ruskin pottery works in Smethwick.

Edward Taylor had learnt the mysteries of the craft from his own father, an earthenware manufacturer, and confided them to his son who, experimenting with a special kiln, tested various glazes and ultimately rediscovered the lost secret of an ancient process known as sang-de-boeuf.

The two men alone knew the secret of the red kiln: Howson Taylor took buckets into his sitting room so that he could mix the ingredients in privacy. The gay, colourful ceramics thus produced won international praise, together with the other products of the pottery.

Howson Taylor emerges as a shy, unassuming man. He always whistled to give warning of his approach to avoid embarrassing his workers. In spite of the pottery's success, it is essentially a sad story. When he closed the pottery in 1933, partly because of his ill-health, he withdrew from the bank the formulae and manufacturing secrets of the sang-de-boeuf process and, in the presence of his wife, burnt them in an old grate in the silent pottery. Within two years he was dead.

Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell: Borough Librarian, Central Library, High Street, West Bromwich. 35p (*postage* 10p).

The Village Wheelwright and Carpenter. By Jocelyn Bailey. In the days when villages were self-supporting communities the village carpenter played a versatile role in rural life, producing a variety of items including farm wagons and coffins. They were men of great skill, especially in the construction of wagons and wheels.

Many aspects of the work of the carpenter and wheelwright are described in this addition to the Shire Albums series of booklets which, always well illustrated, discuss rural themes.

Shire Publications Ltd., Cromwell House, Church Street, Princes Risborough, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. 45p (*postage* 8p).

Cyril Bainbridge

Science report

Cell biology: Messages sent by a cholera toxin

By studying in molecular terms the message that cholera toxin conveys to a cell, biologists at London University hope to learn how the toxin may work and something about the language of body cells in general. It is already known that the toxin acts by attaching itself to the surface of the cells in the intestine and causing them to secrete huge volumes of fluid, leading to the dehydration and death of the victim.

What is not known is how the message the toxin brings to the surface of the cell is translated into the instruction to secrete fluid.

Many vital functions, such as the production of antibodies against disease, and the response to hormones, depend on chemical messengers at the surfaces of cells. An outstanding biological difficulty is how those surface messages are "read", and cholera toxin may be a new and unique tool for finding out.

Chemicals such as cholera toxin which act on cell surfaces do so through attaching themselves to specific molecules known as receptors. It was discovered recently that the receptors for cholera toxin could be found on a variety of body cells that do not normally come into contact with it. That discovery was a great boost to research on the activity of the toxin because some of the other cell types are much more readily available and easier to study than intestinal cells. What Dr Thomas Révész and Dr Melvyn Greaves at the ICRF Tumour Immunology Unit in London have been able to find out from such studies may help to answer the general question of how cells communicate.

They have shown that cholera toxin attached to the surface of white blood cells (lymphocytes) causes the receptors to move together on to clusters known as caps. That is important because the movement of receptors is thought to be essential for the next step—for example antibody production—in the cell's response to chemical messengers. The discovery that cholera toxin receptors form caps may help to clarify the route by which the toxin delivers its fatal message.

But it also opens a field of research with more general implications, because the cholera toxin receptor belongs to a different class of cell surface molecules from the receptors on which earlier capping experiments have been done. Not only does that mean that the function of those molecules, the gangliosides, can now be studied, but the cholera toxin receptor has special advantages. In particular, not only is it, for some unknown reason, absent from the white blood cells of some leukaemia patients, but it can be put back into the surfaces of such cells. Dr Révész and Dr Greaves found that the reconstituted receptor behaved just as in normal cells.

That means that the same cell can be studied with and without the receptor molecules in its surface which will make it easier to gain an idea of what the receptor does when it is there. The hope is that by activating the receptor with toxin on the outside of the cell, researchers will be able to discover what it is that happens on the inside of the cell and leads to fluid secretion.

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Government delay on industrial strategy keeps NEDC waiting

By Malcolm Brown

The Government's major study of industrial strategy which was to have been unveiled in 10 days' time by Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, has been delayed.

No official reason has been given, but it was confirmed in Whitehall last night that the document, seen as a curtain raiser to talks with both sides of industry on how to improve medium-term industrial performance, will not be on the agenda of the National Economic Development Council's October meeting.

It was hoped that the Prime Minister would chair an NEDC meeting in November to discuss the document.

Industrial and trade union leaders are placing great emphasis on the importance of the document as a starting point for discussions aimed at drawing up an agreed medium-term industrial strategy. The Trades Union Congress sees the exercise as an essential development in government-union relations.

The movement towards an agreed strategy was described as a "top national priority" yesterday by Sir Ronald McIntosh, director general of the National Economic Development Office.

Speaking at a seminar in London on investment organized jointly by NEDO and the British Mechanical Engineering Confederation, Sir Ronald said: "We in NEDO are in no doubt about the urgent need for such a strategy.

"The failure of our main political parties to agree on a broad approach to our industrial problems, which could be applied consistently over a period of years, is a self-inflicted wound which has much to do with our present parlous condition.

"Many people now pay lip service to the need for greater continuity of policy. But the proof of the pudding is in the eating; and both management and unions still have to make their plans in the knowledge that abrupt changes of policy affecting industry—both within the lifetime of a single Parliament and when governments change at a general election—have been part of the normal British pattern for the last 15 years.

"This is not a good way to run a railway."

Sir Ronald added that a programme to improve industrial performance would have to give clear priority to manufacturing industry.

He listed several pointers to Britain's plight. Thus, he said, West Germany had a significantly larger proportion of total output concentrated in manufacturing than did this country. The difference was probably about 5 per cent.

If stock appreciation was removed from the figures the share of manufacturing output in our gross domestic product would be seen to be steadily falling. Between 1964 to 1974 it had fallen from 34 to 28 per cent.

If adjustments were made for inflation similar to those recommended by Sandilands then it was clear that manufacturing industry had fared much worse in the past 10 years than the corporate sector as a whole, and had in fact had cash flow deficits in five out of the past six years.

When these and other facts were put together, Sir Ronald said, they added up to a lesson of immense national significance.

"They help to explain the defensive strategies, involving cutback of investment, restriction of output and loss of international competitiveness, which have increasingly been adopted by so many British companies", he said.

"The implications for our future growth and for the age and quality of our capital stock in five years' time are frightening."

Babcock of America sells stake in UK for £11m

By John Whitmore

Only four days after Babcock & Wilcox, the power generation equipment and engineering group, announced that it was asking shareholders to subscribe new long-term capital, Babcock & Wilcox of America yesterday disclosed that it had sold its 23 per cent interest in the British company for £11.2m, or 107p a share.

The sale was effected yesterday through a swift placing operation organized by Morgan Grenfell and Hoare & Co, Govett. The shares were bought by a broad spread of institutions who are believed to have put in applications for some 16 million shares against the 10.5 million on offer.

The American group's decision to sell was, apparently, only finally arrived at on Monday night. But through its representation on the British company's board, the American company has probably had several months to consider the future of an investment which was already looking a rather different proposition to that originally seen some five years ago.

When American Babcock made its initial purchase of a 15 per cent stake in 1970, the idea then was that there would not only be technological co-operation on heat transfer processes and boiler design but, more importantly, that British Babcock and its extensive European interests would give the American group an entree into the nuclear steam generation business in Europe.

Since then, however, the British have opted for steam generated heavy water reactors rather than the light water reactors produced by American Babcock. In France, where British Babcock has a 21 per cent interest in Babcock Fives, the option has been for the light water reactor, but the first big order has gone to Westinghouse.

So, given the situation in the European nuclear business and the fact that American Babcock was concentrating more on its power generation business while British Babcock was tending to diversify, the American company decided that there was no point in either subscribing for the proposed rights issue or continuing to hold an investment that would be diluted to 11½ per cent once the rights issue had gone through. Technological cooperation between the two companies will continue.

Commenting on the sale yesterday, Mr Tom Carlisle, British Babcock's managing director, said that the board knew nothing about the decision to sell until yesterday morning. They had been aware for some time that the American company's business philosophy had changed and that the sale of the share stake had to be regarded as a possibility.

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Applications for next round of North Sea oil production licences set for early next year

By David Young

Oil companies will be invited to submit their applications early next year for the next round of offshore production licences, probably covering the Western approaches and the Moray Firth areas, it was announced by Mr Wedgwood Benn, the Energy Secretary yesterday.

The licences will be awarded late in 1976 and Mr Benn added that the terms and conditions governing the licensing could be designed to entrench and safeguard Britain's legitimate national interest, including a provision for majority state participation in commercial finds.

Mr Eric Varley, Mr Benn's predecessor, using less emotive language, made it clear when he announced the formation of the British National Oil Company in April that this would be the case, and companies were told that if they cooperated with the corporation, this would be a factor considered by the Government when it came to award the next round of licences.

Mr Benn, who was speaking yesterday in Oxford at a summer school organized by the National Union of Mineworkers, added that he was concerned to develop still greater markets for British industry in supplying the offshore operators and to help the process of trade union organization within the British offshore oil industry.

His remarks about securing increased trade unionism in the industry, although the intention to do so by the Government has already been announced, will cause concern in certain sectors. They follow a speech by Mr Jack Jones, of the Transport and General Workers' Union in which he described the employers in the North Sea as "backwoodsmen" in industrial relations.

Production licences, which are issued by the Energy Secretary—as opposed to exploration licences, which can be issued by his department at any time—are granted initially for six years, after which the licensee, if he meets various conditions can retain up to a half of the area originally licensed for a further 40 years.

Four rounds of production licences have already taken place with 244 licences being held by companies and 47 surrendered.

Exploration licenses, which cost £1,000, are issued for a three year period and enable companies to explore for oil or gas anywhere on the designated United Kingdom continental shelf, provided that a production licence has not already been issued for that area. There are 33 exploration licences in force.

Some international oil companies are investigating the possibility of legal action against the Government if its proposals to control depletion of United Kingdom oilfields are not modified, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Conservative Party spokesman on energy, said yesterday.

The companies are looking into the question of whether under international law they could claim compensation if their production levels were restricted by government regulation.

Mr Jenkin said the British National Oil Corporation could require about £2,000m of public funds.

"I suspect we would scrap BNOC", he said "I see no reason in pouring out all that money." He believed his proposal to establish a United Kingdom oil conservation authority as a regulatory agency without BNOC's powers would be less costly and would have the support of oil companies.

£6.8m rights issue by Northern Foods

Northern Foods has consolidated the spectacular recovery indicated by the interim figures by producing pre-tax profits of £7.07m as against £3.9m for the 10 months to end-July. This is revealed in the document announcing the group's £6.8m one-for-two rights issue at par, which will push up the yield on the ordinary shares.

The proceeds of the rights issue are to be used in the consolidation, modernization and expansion of Northern Foods' milk, milk products, baking and brewing activities; but none are to be used by the group's finance company, British Credit Trust. The shares rose 5½p to 86½p on the announcement.

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Retailers call for minimum petrol price to be imposed

Petrol retailers called on the Government yesterday to impose a statutory minimum retail price of 73.5 pence a gallon on petrol and gave a warning that 60,000 men may be thrown out of work if the petrol price war is allowed to continue unchecked.

In a controversial report sent to the Prime Minister, the Petroleum Retailers Association, which represents nearly 2,000 independent retailers, claims that the major oil companies are involved in a price war. It urges the Government to consider a new reference of the oil companies to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The oil companies were still studying the report yesterday but the prevailing view is that once the price cutting process is under way no company can afford to be out of the race.

The companies had little choice but to follow the lead of the first oil company giving extra discounts to garages, said one of the major groups yesterday.

"If we did not do it, we would see our outlets go out of business."

The survey, based on information from more than 800 retailers, found what is described as "a widespread price and promotional war in the petrol market, actively encouraged by the oil companies". The result is that petrol stations are closing at the rate of at least 10 a day.

Some motorists, says the PRA, are being tempted to drive up to 20 miles each way in search of bargains and there is a regional variation in the retail price of more than 10p. If the deliberate encouragement of a price war by the major oil companies is allowed to continue, says the association, the effects will hit not only the retailers but the public and the economy as a whole.

It calculates that the price cutting is having a major effect on tax revenues. "It is . . . quite clear", says the PRA, "that the promotional war is relentlessly reducing the overall average price of petrol, and that for every penny it drops,

An indication of the degree to which retailers are being forced into joining promotions, is given by the finding in the survey that only 6.8 per cent had decided to promote "of their own accord".

Although no absolute figures are given of the financial contribution of the major oil companies to price cutting, the PRA says that information volunteered by retailers suggests that where heavy cutting is taking place the company contributes 40 per cent.

"Thus a 5p cut would include 2p (40 per cent) from the company, 2p from the retailer and 1p (20 per cent) uncollected VAT . . . ."

A geographical analysis showed that the lowest prices were to be found in Edinburgh, Cleveland, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, Gwynedd and Buckinghamshire.

"Four star petrol is available in all these areas at 62p or 63p per gallon. The lowest price in London is 67p, but even at the time of preparing this paper, unconfirmed reports are coming in of the price dropping here to 65p", says the PRA.

Search for sugar beet compromise

By Hugh Clayton

Appeals to the Government to arbitrate in the dispute between growers and processors about the 1976 price for home-grown sugar beet were rejected yesterday. Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, has asked each side to submit a written case to his senior officials.

The ministry will then try to find possible routes to a compromise in the first such breakdown since the British Sugar Corporation was formed to market the home-grown crop almost 40 years ago.

The corporation said last night that it wanted to reduce the allowance paid to growers for the pulp left after extraction of sugar. This year it had made a heavy loss on processing pulp for animal feed.

It was banking on changes in the "green pound" and on the 1976 Community farm price review to raise the price of the crop.

The sugar beet committee of the National Farmers' Union has replied that the corporation has offered a definite cut in part of the sugar beet package coupled with a prospective and unspecified increase elsewhere.

The corporation revealed yesterday that harvesting conditions were so poor for this year's crop that it had not yet decided when to open seven of its 17 processing factories.

Crucial Opec talks today

Ministers from the leading oil-exporting countries begin a crucial meeting in Vienna today to decide on new oil prices. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' economic commission yesterday finished a week of discussions on future pricing strategy, once the nine-months freeze on oil prices ends on September 30, and will present their recommendations to the ministers at the opening session today.

Regardless of what the commission recommends, it is thought likely that the ministers will opt for a 10 per cent price rise.

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Employment worries send shares lower

The London stock market had a nervous session yesterday reflecting City fears that government moves to fight unemployment could undermine the anti-inflation programme. Buyers withdrew from the industrial sections, and profit-taking brought widespread falls. The FT index shed 9.8 to 334.9.

There was increased selling of gold shares in the wake of another setback in bullion prices. Selling pressure came from South African and United States sources, dealers reported. By the end of the session, the higher priced producer shares were showing net losses of £2 or more.

Ban on US grain sales extended

The United States has expanded a one-month moratorium on new grain sales to the Soviet Union to include Poland and several other countries, State Department officials said in Washington yesterday.

The countries, believed to be mainly East European, have been asked not to enter into new purchase contracts for grain until the next official United States crop report is available in mid-October.

300 jobs to go

Office equipment production at the factory of The Shannon, at New Malden, Surrey, is to end next month, the company announced yesterday, and the factory is to be phased out over several months with the loss of 300 jobs. Production is to be transferred to factories in the filing systems division of Twinlock.

Aluminium HQ move

British Aluminium, which operates three smelters in Scotland, is to move the headquarters of its primary division from London to the Inverness area early next year. The company said the move was in line with its policy of devolution of control to divisional management.

Paris Bourse strike

Clerks at the Paris Bourse went on strike yesterday in protest against threatened lay-offs of stockbroker staff. The strike stopped official gold and foreign exchange markets quotations.

Warning on American budget deficit

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Sept 23

Mr James Lynn, Director of the United States Office of Management and Budget, stated today that the budget deficit for the current fiscal year might range between a minimum level of $55,000m (about £25,000m) and a particularly pessimistic estimate of $80,000m.

At the first day of a series of hearings before the Senate Budget Committee the Administration underlined its determination to fight any new social welfare spending policies.

Mr Lynn said new programmes planned by Congress would almost certainly push the current year's deficit beyond the committee's own target of $80bn.

Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, stressed that the Congress must be made aware that the American system did not permit a fine-tuning mechanism in fiscal policy, as parliamentary systems did.

Therefore there was a grave danger that fiscal measures taken to stimulate the economy could lead to new deficit-producing programmes which would be hard to abandon even when they were no longer useful.

Mr Lynn pointed out that the creation of more and more public welfare programmes by the Congress would lead to highly inflationary budget deficits which eventually could result only in higher unemployment, and that this was just what had happened in Britain.

He added that the deficit situation in 1977 was also starting to look increasingly serious. Earlier estimates of a $35,000m deficit were now starting to look very low as a result of the Congress refusal to accept cuts in welfare programmes which President Ford proposed.

Further, Mr Lynn said, an extension of the 1975 tax cuts into fiscal year 1977 could add between $12,000m and $17,000m to that year's deficit.

Mr Greenspan gave the committee some encouragement by suggesting that the economic recovery "has been moving ahead even better than expected earlier this year".

He said evidence so far suggested that consumer spending would continue to rise, pushing industrial output ahead and leading to a resumption of business investment by the new year.

Big expansion in east Midlands' coalfield likely

By Derek Harris

Coal exploration carried out over the past 18 months in the east Midlands has produced "encouraging" results in the vale of Belvoir, between Nottingham and Melton Mowbray, according to the National Coal Board.

The reserves, yet to be quantified, may prove workable by extending the underground network from the new £25m Cotgrave pit, just outside Nottingham. Alternatively a new colliery might be established in the vale.

East Midlands' hopes, page 17

£3m blow for NatWest's pension fund

By Margaret Walters

The National Westminster Pension Fund stands to lose up to £3m following yesterday's news that Metro Town & City, a small property development group, is being put in the hands of the receiver.

Almost exactly two years ago the pension fund decided to subscribe at par for £3m of unsecured convertible loan stock in Metro in a deal that was something of an innovation at the time. Under the terms the pension fund would, on conversion, have had a 20 per cent stake in Metro, where for some years Corinthian Securities, the secondary bank and finance company, has had a substantial shareholding.

But yesterday the shares were suspended a just 4½p putting a value on the group of just £90,000. In its statement Metro, which made a loss of £1m last year, referred to its "critical cash flow problems" and the fact that its main bankers, the National Westminster had felt unable to continue supporting the company. The group, which at the time of the pension fund deal had a development programme of £10m, three times its then market capitalisation, showed borrowings of over £8m in its 1974 balance sheet.

The directors say that had it not been for the loss of confidence caused by the economic climate the company would have been profitable. Mr P. W. G. Dubuisson has been appointed receiver.

NCB seeks state aid to offset cost of stocking

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The National Coal Board is to approach the Government for financial help under EEC rules to offset the cost of stocking coal, which has become a psychological bar to higher productivity in the pits.

This emerged from talks lasting nearly three hours between the NCB and leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers about falling production and a propaganda offensive aimed at increasing output by 5 per cent in the second half of the financial year.

One of the reasons behind falling productivity, the union argued, was the existence of seven million tons of coal stocked at the pithead, which made miners apprehensive about their job security, particularly when they were being asked to produce more.

Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the board, said after yesterday's talks that the industry was looking at the EEC rules and the provisions of the tripartite plan for coal "to see if we can get some government assistance".

The EEC apparently lays down that where a member country is stocking more than one-twelfth of its annual production, a subsidy may be paid either from Community funds or from government finances. The NCB calculates that for each ton of coal in stock, with a book value of about £16, it costs 50p a year to keep it on the ground.

Apart from the seven million tons at the pithead, a further 20 million tons are distributed at the power stations and other sites, making an overall 27 million tons, six million more than the same time last year.

In a leaflet being sent to every man in the industry this weekend asking him to produce more tonnage, the board and the unions say: "An industry of our size needs more than double the present low level of seven million tons of colliery stocks.

"These stocks will all be needed when the trade picks up again. They are not a threat to mining jobs—but a guarantee to customers. We must be ready as soon as the present worldwide recession ends to supply customers with the extra coal they will need and at prices they are prepared to pay.

Despite the failure of the national production bonus scheme, the board and Mr Joe Gormley, the miners' leader, are confident that the industry can produce an extra 5 per cent to meet the target of 115 million tons this year.

If this is achieved, the industry will break even, but hopes of making the £15m to £20m profit that was earmarked for investment in the industry have now been abandoned. Output is down, and productivity has not returned to the level reached in March, 1973

Brokers fear 'explosion' in bank lending

By Tim Congdon

Warnings that the large government borrowing requirement and the financing strategy adopted by the Bank of England in recent weeks could produce an acceleration of money supply growth and lead to higher inflation were given yesterday by two leading financial analysts in the City.

There has been an explosion in the Treasury bill issue in recent months", according to W. Greenwell & Co, the stockbroking firm, in its latest *Monetary Bulletin*.

This has led to an increase in the reserve assets of the banking system and would enable the banks greatly to expand their lending to companies and individuals if there were a renewed demand for finance.

The bulletin refers to "an acute danger of an explosion of bank lending after confidence has returned." Although it suggests that "any early move to absorb surplus reserves would probably delay the return of confidence", it says that "aggressive action will be needed" if the money supply is not to run out of control.

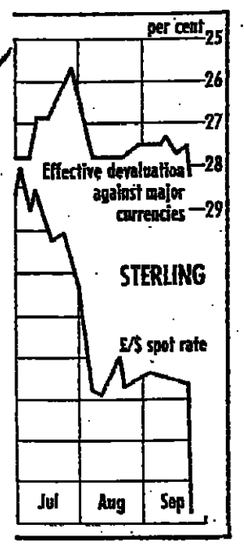
Greenwell has been arguing for some months that the growth rate of M1, the narrowly-defined money supply, has been excessive. It now says that M3, the broadly-defined money supply, is also rising quickly.

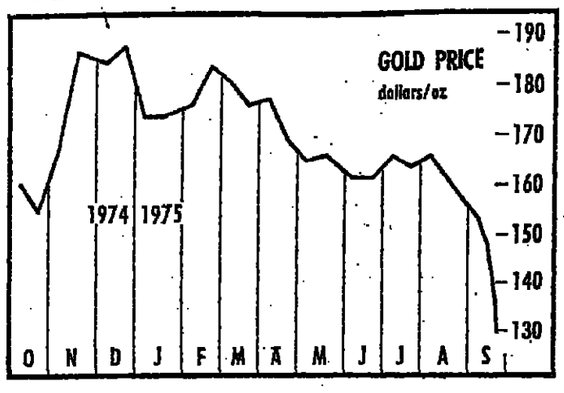
Phillips & Drew, another leading firm of stockbrokers, emphasizes in its latest newsletter, *Gilt Edged Research*, the risks of a money supply explosion created by the large public sector borrowing requirement.

The Bank of England will only be able to sell gilts and finance the deficit outside the banking system if gilt yields increase, the firm claims, but the Bank has said that it does not wish to raise interest rates at present.

"The authorities would probably not wish to engineer a rise in gilt yields at this stage of the business cycle", the newsletter says.

"However, the acceleration in money supply growth which would result from a reliance on bank finance would damage the prospect for gilts"





How the markets moved

The Times index : 141.20 −3.62
The FT index : 334.9 −9.8

Rises

Allen, W. G.	4p to 32p	Linread	4p to 30p
BSG Int	1p to 12p	New London	45p to 210p
Cowie, T.	2p to 18p	Nthn Foods	5½p to 86½p
Concentric	2p to 22p	Reliance Grp	65p to 480p
Ex-Lands	1p to 15p	Steel Bros	5p to 265p
Haggas, J.	15p to 225p	Tilbury Cont	10p to 196p
Ldn Merch Sec	3½p to 26p	Wigfall, H.	7p to 127p

Falls

Barclays Bk	8p to 285p	Shell	9p to 342p
BP	7p to 553p	Sentrust	30p to 240p
Broken Hill	20p to 680p	Unilever	16p to 386p
Distillers	21p to 114p	Welkom	35p to 240p
Fisons	12p to 388p	Western Areas	25p to 295p
Imp Chem Ind	5p to 286p	Western Deep	150p to 1300p
Kinross	35p to 475p	W Rand Cons	15p to 165p

Sterling fell by 265 points on the day to $2.0450. The "effective devaluation" rate was 28.2 per cent.
Gold declined by $6.00 on the day to $129.75 an oz.
SDR-$ was 1.16901 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.562267.

Commodities: Reuters' index closed at 1,165.8 yesterday (1,158.8 on Monday).
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Equities fell sharply, with gold shares a weak feature.
Gilt-edged securities remained quiet.

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.70	1.64
Austria Sch	40.00	38.00
Belgium Fr	87.75	85.00
Canada $	2.16	2.11
Denmark Kr	13.05	12.65
Finland Mkk	8.20	7.95
France Fr	9.65	9.35
Germany DM	5.65	5.45
Greece Dr	70.75	68.50
Hongkong $	10.60	10.20
Italy Lr	1595.00	1545.00
Japan Yn	650.00	625.00
Netherlands Gld	5.75	5.55
Norway Kr	12.05	11.70
Portugal Esc	73.00	67.00
S Africa Rd	2.10	1.91
Spain Pes	125.00	119.75
Sweden Kr	9.60	9.30
Switzerland Fr	5.75	5.55
US $	2.10$	2.055
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.25	38.25

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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ZAMBIA COPPER INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda)

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the sixth annual general meeting of members of Zambia Copper Investments Limited will be held at The Bank of Bermuda Building, Front Street, Hamilton, Bermuda, at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16th October, 1975, for the following business:

1. To receive and consider the statement of accounts and the reports of the directors and of the auditors for the year ended 30th June, 1975.
2. To elect directors.
3. To fix remuneration of the auditors for the past audit and to appoint auditors for the ensuing year.
4. Special business: To consider and, if deemed fit, to pass with or without modification, in the manner required by the laws of Bermuda, the following resolutions as extraordinary resolutions, namely:
   1. "That resolution No. 72(b) of the minutes of the annual general meeting held on 14th November 1974 and Bye-Law No. 4(1) of the company's Bye-Laws be hereby amended with retrospective effect from 14th November 1974 by the substitution of '130,000,000 ordinary shares of 24 Bermudian cents each' for '31,200,000 ordinary shares of 24 Bermudian cents each'."
   2. "That the authority conferred upon the directors by extraordinary resolutions 4 and 5 at the annual general meeting held on 14th November, 1974 be and the same is hereby confirmed and that in amplification thereof the directors be authorised to appoint any person nominated by them to enter into an arrangement with the company and any subsidiary company on behalf of the shareholders for the purpose of carrying such arrangements into effect, including arrangements for direct allotment of shares by such subsidiary to the members of this company."

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint another member as his proxy to attend and, on a poll, to vote in his stead.

By order of the Board
ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, LIMITED
London Secretaries
D. H. J. Pattison

London Office:
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23rd September, 1975.

ICL buys stake in American company

By Patricia Tisdall

International Computers Ltd, the part-government owned British computer manufacturer, has signed a $8.6m (about £4m) agreement with NCR Corporation and Control Data Corporation to acquire a share in the American owned Computer Peripheral company.

Ultimately, ICL plans to purchase a one-third holding in CPI, which until now has been jointly owned by NCR and CDC, but the initial deal is for a one-sixth stake.

After ICL's initial acquisition of shares, the enlarged CPI will have assets of around $60m and will establish a research, development and manufacturing facility in the United Kingdom to be known as CPI Data Peripherals Ltd. This United Kingdom company will design and manufacture computer peripherals of an electro-mechanical nature for NCR, CDC and ICL as it expands its operations over the next two to three years.

In a statement issued yesterday ICL says the establishment of the United Kingdom company will create more job opportunities here. No adverse effect on the company's current workforce is expected. CPI will allow the British company to become more competitive in the area of electro-mechanical peripherals.

Leyland expands Midland output with presses from Australia

By Clifford Webb

British Leyland has shipped six huge presses from its failed Australian factory and is now installing them in the group's body pressing plant at Castle Bromwich.

The move will increase existing capacity. But it will not be welcomed by the many Midland companies who at present supplement Leyland body pressing facilities with outside contract work.

A spokesman for British Leyland Cars said last night: "Since demand has fallen following the worldwide recession in car sales we have already started bringing back contract work which can be done in our own under-utilized factories. The Australian machinery will enable us to extend the amount of work we now do in-house."

The presses will be retooled to produce body panels for the Mini and Jaguar XJ and XJS models. They were manufactured in this country some 10 years ago

By bringing them back instead of trying to sell them at knockdown prices to depressed Australian motor manufacturers Leyland claims to have saved both money and time.

"It would have cost us many times the £1m or so we paid for them to have equipped Castle Bromwich with new machines and we should have had to wait a long time for them to be manufactured," a company spokesman said.

"One machine will replace an existing machine at the head of a production line which has been suffering from persistent breakdowns. The others will supplement existing capacity."

South Korea and EEC nearer to textiles pact

Brussels, Sept 23.—South Korea has moved away from its previous hard position in talks with the European Economic Community on a textile agreement under which the EEC wants to establish ceilings on South Korean textile exports to the Community, European Commission officials reported here today.

The South Korean move took the form of a counter-proposal to the EEC's draft for a textile pact.

A Commission spokesman said the proposal, coming at the end of the fourth negotiating round, would allow a considerable rapprochement between the two sides' positions, which had been wide apart.

The latest round of talks ended late yesterday with both sides agreeing to continue the negotiations. A date for the next round of discussions has not been fixed, but the spokesman said it would be arranged at mutual convenience.

EEC officials would not disclose details of the South Korean proposal which, officials implied, might have broken the deadlock in the talks.

Community officials have always maintained that the EEC wants a textile agreement similar to the one which the EEC signed earlier this year with Hongkong. This established quotas for Hongkong exports of a variety of cotton and synthetic textiles.

Horticultural tests with waste heat at power plants

By Ronald Kershaw

The Ministry of Agriculture and the Central Electricity Generating Board are shortly to embark on a joint project using waste heat from power stations to assist horticultural experiments, said Mr Gavin Strang, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry in a written reply to a question from Mr Max Madden, Labour MP for Sowerby, West Yorkshire yesterday.

Mr Strang said it was hoped that the project, involving one of the ministry's experimental stations to assist the potential for utilizing low grade heat from power stations to heat glasshouses would get underway soon.

Investigations into the use of waste heat for fish farming had also been carried out in various studies over a number of years. The White Fish Authority had established a development unit at Hunterston to determine whether it was biologically possible to grow fish to a marketable size in the warm water outflow, and if so to develop a technique for cultivating fish which would be commercially attractive.

Mr Madden put his question as a result of representations made by one of his constituents.

Mr Alex Eadie, Parliamentary Secretary at the Department of Energy, said in a written reply to Mr Madden that there were many problems in the use of waste heat. In particular, there was the difficulty of scale, because reject heat of a single 2000 MW power station would be adequate to heat the 3,000 acres of glasshouses used in England and Wales for growing tomatoes.

Signs of aluminium slump ending

By Edward Townsend

World aluminium producers, still in the depths of a slump in demand which has forced them to cut output by as much as 25 per cent, made 791,000 tonnes last month.

Figures issued in London by the International Primary Aluminium Institute for smelters in the non-communist world show that production in the first eight months of the year was 6,554,000 tonnes— almost 10 per cent down on the same period of 1974.

Despite the continuing depression in the construction and motor industries—two of aluminium's big users — there are signs that the worst of the slump is over although an upturn will not be soon enough to prevent 1975 showing the worst-ever fall in aluminium demand.

Average world daily output of aluminium in August was 25,500 tonnes, the lowest level this year, and the year-end total will be well down on the 1974 output figure of just under 11 million tonnes.

Ownership switch approved

Berlin, Sept 23.—The Federal cartel office said today that it has raised no objections to a planned ownership change for Reynolds Aluminium Hamburg GmbH. The plan, approved by the Hamburg Senate on August 13, is designed to avert a collapse of the Hamburg aluminium complex. The smelting and rolling facility is owned 90 per cent by Reynolds International Incorporated and 10 per cent by the city state of Hamburg.

Under the plan passed by the cartel office, Hamburg will assume temporary full ownership of the plant and then sell it to three partners under a long-term lease-and-sale agreement. AP-Dow Jones.

Business appointments

Three new directors for Odham Estate

Mr H. A. Toogood, Mr H. Seeley and Mr A. Cochrane have been appointed to the board of The Oldham Estate Company. Mr B. Swallow and Mr R. T. Cheetham have resigned as directors.

Mr Ken Hodgson, deputy chairman of Chloride's Overseas division, has become managing director of the group's overseas operations, in place of Mr Hugh Gregson who will retire as a full-time executive on October 1. Mr Bill Wansall, executive director of Chloride's Overseas division, has been made deputy chairman.

The Earl of Limerick has succeeded Lord Denman as chairman of the Committee for Middle East Trade (COMET).

Mr Dick Holmes becomes director of manufacturing planning, information and control, Rank Xerox Manufacturing group. Mr Ron Morfee has been made a director of materials management, with responsibility for procurement, inventory management and materials systems. Mr Don Shryane is now director of manufacturing programmes, while Mr Jim Evans moves from manufacturing programmes to manage special projects. Mr Lionel Lyes, as director of personnel, has public relations and all aspects of security added to his responsibilities. Mr Roger Haggett as director of UK Manufacturing Operations assumes the day to day running of the plants at Mitcheldean and Welwyn Garden City.

Mr John Cousins has been appointed as manpower and industrial relations director of the National Economic Development Office.

Mr William Pybus has been made chairman of Inter-Continental Fuels on the retirement of Mr Norman Carr who remains a director. Mr Charles Howard, director general international of the National Coal Board, has become deputy chairman of I-CF. Mr Clive Hardcastle has gone on to the board to represent the interest of Commercial Union Assurance in I-CF.

Mr A. P. Sparks has been made commercial director of C. T. Bowring (London).

Mr Derek Williams has relinquished the post of group company secretary, Associated Television Corporation, to enable him to concentrate on his duties as group treasurer. He will continue to be responsible for the Pension Fund and for the group's insurance interests. Mr Anthony Lucas has become group company secretary but will continue to be head of the group legal department. New directors appointed to the board of ATV Management Services are Mr Anthony Lucas, Mr John Monkhouse and Mr Henry Wilson.

Mr David Grant has been made marketing director of Phillip Morris and Company.

Mr Ralph A. Fields has been elected to fill the vacant post of chairman of Howard and Wyndham. He will retain his position as managing director.

Mr Bernard N. Kelly, executive director of S. G. Warburg & Co, has been elected a director of Associated Spring Corporation, Bristol, Connecticut, USA.

Mr R. S. Elliott is now deputy managing director of the Commonwealth Banking Corporation following the retirement of Mr A. V. Murrell. Mr Elliott's successor as general manager of the Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia is Mr Alwyn Richards.

Mr C. M. Lowe has been appointed a director of Morland & Co with effect from October 1975, when Mr F. J. Higgs retires from full time executive duties. Mr Lowe will be known as the trade director.

TV spending up by 34 pc during August

Advertising & marketing

Expenditure on advertising during August increased by more than 22 per cent compared with the same month last year. Figures compiled by Media Expenditure Analysis show a total for the month of £38.7m against £31.6m for August, 1974, for gross expenditure at rate card prices.

The MEAL figures show a larger increase for television than for newspapers and magazines. At £22.45m gross expenditure on television showed a rise of more than 34 per cent. The totals for the press at £16.25m show an increase of only 8.84 per cent on August last year.

There appears, however, to have been heavy discounting on television sales of advertising time. The more accurate net revenue totals compiled by the Independent Television Companies Association from its members returns show a rise of only 12.5 per cent for August. Their figures for net revenue during the month is £11,692,961 which compares with £10,402,289 for August, 1974.

The August revenue for the 13 independent local radio stations totalled £531,757

American merger

A merger is being discussed between Foote, Cone and Belding Communications, FCB's American parent company and Albert Frank-Guenther Law Inc. Under the terms of the proposed merger, operations of Albert Frank-Guenther Law would be continued under present management according to a statement issued by FCB yesterday.

Albert Frank-Guenther Law is a full service agency, but is noted particularly for its financial advertising and public relations. Capitalized billing in 1974 was $29.1m (about £14m).

Schweppes relaunch

The combination of high sugar prices and exceptionally buoyant summer sales has caused Schweppes, one of the largest of the soft drink manufacturers, to look again at new product prospects in this field.

Latest move by the company is a relaunch of its Sunfresh brand as a low calorie fruit drink, expected to enter the shops early next month.

"We have created a product which not only represents exceptionally good value for money, but is backed by a strongly established brand name", comments Mr Peter Cotton, Schweppes marketing manager.

Polycell launch

Polycell, the do-it-yourself products division of Reed International, is launching Polytex, a new ceiling coating treatment, on a national basis this month. The launch campaign which includes extensive television advertising will cost around £150,000 spread over a month. Polycell advertising is handled by Lintas.

Patricia Tisdall

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taming the Tiger: misty areas of disagreement

From Mr Richard Jackman and Mr Kurt Klapholz

Sir, Judging by the title and contents of his article (September 18), Mr Jay seems to accuse us of "logical" absurdities in the argument of our Hobart Paper, Taming the Tiger. We have read Mr Jay's article several times, but are still uncertain as to precisely where he thinks we have erred, or precisely where he disagrees with us. We would like to reply to two of his criticisms—the others, though equally unwarranted, being of less intellectual interest.

We suggested that, if trade unions attempted to secure for their members real wages in excess of those compatible with full employment, full employment could not be maintained by means of a constant rate of inflation, but only by means of accelerating inflation. This argument is based on the assumption that it is "absurd" to suppose that workers do not become aware of inflation.

Mr Jay holds that, "correctly formulated", the proposition *should be: "full employment* will continue only so long as inflation accelerates faster than wage bargainers discount it", and that such a proposition is not absurd. We would agree with this, indeed it is an essential part of our argument, and can only wonder how Mr Jay can regard his view as in conflict with ours.

Mr Jay may hold that the activities of trade unions reduce the level of employment consistent with a constant rate of inflation, and that this induces the Government to take measures which lead to accelerating inflation.. We believe this is implausible (though not absurd) for reasons that are surely familiar to anyone who, like Mr Jay, has followed Professor Milton Friedman's arguments.

Mr Jay also seems to think that indexation could exacerbate "the dilemma for Government between inflating the money supply and acquiescing in unemployment". Indexation would neutralize the effects of inflation on firms' balance sheets—as prices rise, indexed costs would rise *pari passu*. In consequence, with indexation, inflating the money supply would not be successful in bailing out firms that had agreed to "excessive" wage settlements.

The dilemma for Government, far from "developing much more rapidly", as Mr Jay suggests, would disappear.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD JACKMAN,
KURT KLAPPHOLZ,
Department of Economics,
London School of Economics
and Political Science.

Why UK is losing customers abroad

From Mr L. David

Sir, I returned recently from a five weeks visit to western Australia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Singapore. My good old friends, and until recently also customers, no longer trust our delivery promises nor agree to our prices.

They fear that United Kingdom products, by and large, are, and will remain too dear and unreliable because, so they say:

First, United Kingdom industries work with outdated, obsolete machinery, therefore employ too many workers, hence are too expensive and too slow in delivering. Workers in competing countries have up to five times more capital in terms of machinery at their disposal and therefore produce cheaper and quicker.

Secondly, investors in the United Kingdom simply could not put more money into industry for modernization because the investor is left with no more than 15 per cent to 20 per cent of profits made, after Corporation and Income Taxes have taken their toll. Even if money would be found, trade unions would resist modernization because fewer workers would be employed.

Thirdly, frequent strikes make it impossible to keep delivery promises and prevent industries from making profits. Strikes are illegal in all Communist countries and they deliver on time.

Finally, when we quote for delivery in a year's time, we must add around 25 per cent against today's cost price to cover against inflation. Our competitors rate of inflation is between 6 per cent to 9 per cent which puts us at an immediate disadvantage of around 14 per cent.

Please, what do I tell my friends when I see them next?

Yours faithfully,
L. DAVID,
Managing Director,
British Unicorn Ltd,
24 Farm Avenue,
London NW2.

Interpreting VAT on postage

From Mr A. G. Darby

Sir, The Reverend Pullenayegum (September 15) is not, I think, correct in his interpretation of the rules regarding Value Added Tax on postage incurred by a supplier of a postal service other than the Post Office.

The purchase of postal stamps from the Post Office does not itself attract VAT. The services of a trader in providing goods which are packed and dispatched for delivery to the purchaser, including the postage or any other carriage costs such as road, rail, air freight, or a "charged for" company delivery, all attract tax.

There are, of course, considerable anomalies in the system of Value Added Tax, many aspects of which appear utterly ridiculous, but in this matter I think the Reverend Pullenayegum is not correct.

A. G. DARBY,
The Direct Mail Producers Association,
Bletchingley Road,
Merstham,
Redhill, Surrey.

Capital gains tax on rooms let to lodgers

From Mr M. H. Percy

Sir, To use his own phrase, Dr A. T. Kuhn (September 15) is right to question the figures quoted by your earlier correspondent, Mr Hillel, on the subject of capital gains tax on houses in which rooms have been let to lodgers.

However, he seems to have underestimated the possible capital gain which would attract CGT of £2,500 on the disposal of Mr Hillel's house. The maximum CGT rate is not 33 per cent, but only (½) 30 per cent.

It is not automatically the same as the basic rate of income tax and the Chancellor declined the opportunity of raising it when the basic rate was raised to 33 per cent.

Furthermore, the CGT liability is restricted to any additional income tax which would be payable if 50 per cent of the first £5,000 of all chargeable gains in one year, plus any excess over £5,000, were treated as ordinary investment income. This might therefore result in a smaller liability to CGT than by applying a rate of 30 per cent on the full chargeable gain.

Finally, the total chargeable gain would not only be apportioned according to the fraction of the house being used for the "business" activity (as Dr Kuhn states), but also on a time-basis according to the length of time such business has been carried on in relation to the total time the house was occupied by Mr Hillel. The mind boggles further!

One possible way to avoid all liability to CGT in situations such as these is not to allocate one room exclusively for the business (ie, letting) purposes.

If a room is shared by, for instance, a member of the family or is used in some private capacity by the owner of the house during the period of the letting no liability to CGT will normally arise, since no specific part of the house has been set aside solely for business purposes.

However, one should still be able to claim part of the house expenses against the income from the letting.

Yours faithfully,
M. H. PERCY,
40 Pinchbeck Road,
Green Street Green,
Orpington, Kent.

Pilot lights

From Mr N. L. Pigache

Sir, While pilot lights may consume gas at a rate hitherto unsuspected, they are not necessarily wasting energy.

The heat from a boiler pilot is in most cases transmitted to the water in the boiler, while cooker pilots contribute to the heating requirements of the surrounding space at virtually 100 per cent efficiency.

The fault in most systems lies in the lack of thermostatic control, which would allow the central heating to take advantage of these incidental energy sources.

Yours faithfully,
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Zambia Copper Investments Limited

INCORPORATED IN BERMUDA

EXTRACTS FROM THE REVIEW BY THE PRESIDENT DR. Z. J. DE BEER

All the agreements in terms of which Nchanga Consolidated Copper Mines Ltd. (NCCM) and Roan Consolidated Mines Ltd. (RCM) became self managing have now been implemented, but it is pleasing to record that the far-reaching changes required have been made without disturbing the good relationships which exist between the Government of Zambia and the Anglo and Amax Groups as partners in the copper industry of that country.

Shareholders have now to await the approval of the year end accounts of NCCM and RCM before application for externalisation of accrued dividends can be made, and when application was made in July 1975 for the remittance of the Zambian kwacha equivalent of $10,332,000, being ZCI's proportion of NCCM dividends paid during the year to 31st March 1975, the Zambian Exchange Control authorities informed us that they were unable to release the necessary foreign exchange.

Your directors therefore have had no option but to pass the final dividend for the year to June 1975. When the Zambian authorities give permission for us to remit our funds your board will consider whether then to declare an interim dividend for 1975/76.

PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS

Since my last review, metal prices have remainded very low and as a result the year has seen a very considerable fall in income. Dividends received from NCCM and RCM during the year to 30th June 1975 amounted to $10,332,000 and $2,772,000 respectively, compared with $42,413,000 and $7,986,000 in the previous financial year. As a result, the profit after taxation has fallen 71 per cent to $15,910,000 from $54,854,000 last year. An amount of $244,000 was written off investments in prospecting companies while, in accordance with accounting policy, the net surplus of $27,000 arising from currency exchange rate fluctuations was transferred to the currency reserve. A single dividend of 4.0 cents per share was declared, as compared with a total of 40 cents per share in the previous year.

THE COPPER MARKET

The London Metal Exchange prices declined from a record £1,395 per tonne or U.S.$1.57 per pound in April 1974 to £480 per tonne, or U.S.$0.54 per pound in January 1975. Although the price has subsequently recovered, and now stands at some £620 per tonne, or U.S.$0.60 per pound, it will be clear from the comparative U.S. Dollar figures that I have quoted, that this recent improvement in the LME price has been largely offset by the decline in the value of sterling relative to other currencies.

Cuts in the production of copper have been announced by the Cipec countries including Zambia, but in the prevailing world economic situation one can by no means feel confident that demand is matching supply, and any major price recovery will depend upon assessments of the prospects for an upturn in the major industrial economies.

Meanwhile, the prevailing inflation all over the world is causing alarming cost increases in the copper mining industry, and its health can certainly not be sustained at anything like the present metal price.

The London Metal Exchange is often blamed for the instability of the copper market, and it certainly has its shortcomings; but it is doubtful whether any of the possible alternative mechanisms of price control would prove effective against fundamental imbalance of supply and demand. In the last resort, it may well be true that co-operation between the producers themselves is the only road to stable and satisfactory copper prices.

THE ZAMBIAN MINING INDUSTRY

This has, of course, been a difficult year. Apart from the major problems created by the low price, it has continued to be difficult to attract and retain skilled expatriate workers. While progress is being made in the training and promotion of Zambians, these expatriates are still essential and every effort must therefore be made to ensure that the expatriate employment conditions are as satisfactory as possible.

While there has been some improvement in the operation of the transport routes on which the industry depends, it is still suffering from port congestion and delayed deliveries. The political situation in Angola gives particular cause for concern in this regard.

Operating difficulties are reflected in the production figures of NCCM. Despite the successful commissioning of the tailings leach plant at Chingola, production for the year to 31st March 1975, at 408,666 tonnes of finished copper, was well below the record 440,000 tonnes produced in 1972/73.

NCCM sales of copper fell only marginally from 397,385 tonnes in the previous year to 396,160 tonnes, but, as a result of reduced metal prices, sales revenue from all metals fell from K555 million to K479 million. On the other hand, the cost of sales increased very substantially from K275.8 million to K339.8 million, both as a result of lower production and very substantial inflation. Consequently, profits before taxation fell from K276.5 million to K139.6 million, while profits after taxation fell from K112.5 million to K58.8 million. Total dividends for the year fell from K67 million to K17 million, while expenditure on capital account totalled K59.4 million compared with K69.0 million.

At Broken Hill Division, the new Waelz Kiln project to treat the substantial tonnage of low grade refractory material stockpiled at the mine over many years is due to be commissioned in October 1975.

Work continues on the open pit project at the Kansanshi Mine, but at a considerably lower tempo than originally anticipated due to financial constraints. The mine is now scheduled to come into production in 1979, a year later than initially planned. Drilling continues to prove additional ore at higher grades than anticipated.

During the period to 31st March 1975, RCM produced 296,000 tonnes of finished copper compared with 282,000 tonnes in the previous year. This increase was in the main part attributable to the rehabilitation of the Mufulira Mine.

Both the mining companies are now facing very serious financial difficulties. Efforts are being made to conserve cash in every practical way, including the curtailment of capital developments, but of course the crucial importance of the industry as an employer raises formidable political problems if substantial retrenchment is to be considered. Substantial foreign borrowings have been obtained, but it remains to be seen whether these will tide the companies over until the price returns to a tolerable level.

BOTSWANA RST LIMITED (BRST)

BRST, in which the company has an indirect investment of approximately 12 per cent, has encountered major technical difficulties and a tremendous strain has been placed on the financial resources of the company. Proposals for refinancing the company are under consideration.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

I think I have made it clear that both NCCM and RCM are in serious straits. Copper and nickel are of such basic importance that we are entitled to feel considerable long-term confidence: but before we can receive reasonable returns there will have to be a strong resurgence in metal prices followed by a period of financial recovery by the companies in which ZCI is invested. How long all this will take, no one can say.

Copies of this review and the report and accounts are obtainable from the London office of the company at 40 Holborn Viaduct, EC1P 1AJ or from the office of the United Kingdom Transfer Secretaries, Charter Consolidated Limited, P.O. Box 102, Charter House, Park Street, Ashford, Kent TN24 8EQ.

SKF

Notice to parent company shareholders

As previously announced, the resolution was passed at the Annual General Meeting of Aktiebolaget Svenska Kullagerfabriken, to increase the Company share capital from 600,000,000 Swedish kronor (Skr) to Skr 900,000,000 by a capitalisation issue of Skr 150,000,000 and a rights issue of Skr 150,000,000.

The rights issue of 3,000,000 shares has been effected. These new shares do not rank for the capitalisation issue.

Capitalisation Issue

The increase in the share capital made by writing-up the value of the shares of the wholly owned subsidiary SKF Holding Maatschappij-Holland B.V., will mean that 3,000,000 new shares, each of a nominal value of Skr 50, will be issued to shareholders *without payment.*

Allotment. Shareholders will receive **one** new capitalisation share for every **four** old shares held of the same denomination.

Right to dividend. The new shares will carry the right to any dividend payable for the financial year ending 31st December 1975.

Records control day. As the Company has adopted the Swedish Law for simplified sharehandling, certificates for new capitalisation shares and fractions of shares will be issued by the Securities Register Centre (VPC) to shareholders or nominees, *as per the shareholders' register records on 29th September, 1975 (records control day).*

Issue date. VPC expect to dispatch certificates as mentioned above on 13th October 1975. No measures need to be taken by shareholders thus entitled.

Fractional rights. **One** new capitalisation share will be issued against certificates for **four** fractional rights. In the U.K., fractional certificates together with the prescribed application forms should be submitted to the Company's paying agents in London: Hill Samuel & Co. Ltd., 45 Beech Street, London EC2P 2LX.

Application for the listing of the new shares resulting from the capitalisation issue has been made to the Stock Exchange, London. Dealings in the new capitalisation shares are expected to begin on the 14th October 1975.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Babcock's state without the Americans

ocock & Wilcox has had the bilical cord from its original ent severed once before. wever, on this occasion it ks as if it could well be for d after a five year rejoining t has finally let American ocock out at a profit but with y of its original hopes of 0 dashed by its failure to ke the envisaged break-ough into the European nuc-r power business.

nd given that the American pany has had to live with a tively low yield on an invest-nt that was also depreciating terms of the dollar, it has in ense done a "Deutsche Bab-k" on the British company ven if one must add that the ira was not that low in erican terms and that the ts issue offered a way of ding a considerable improve-nt to the position.

s far as British Babcock reholders are concerned, the t reaction must be that the removes any lingering pos-ility that the American pany might one day have nched a full-scale bid. But t is not something that is ng to worry the market all t much, while the strength the response—albeit that the p placing price represented fairly generous discount re-mbering that it was cum dend and cum rights—must counted as encouraging.



Mr John King, chairman of Babcock & Wilcox: good response to offer of American shares.

down, but that masks a solid recovery in the second half when there was an 11 per cent advance. By the end of the year to June Barratt had sold 4,250 units, a 35 per cent improvement on the previous year which reflects the group's policy of concentrating hard on the very bottom of the new housing market in price terms—Barratt is selling two-bedroom flats in the north west at £6,500—and forward selling. There is a workload now of around six to nine months ahead, much of it contracted.

With the housing market now starting to show signs of health again, reflecting the demand which is certainly there for first time housing, Barratt is well placed. Borrowings have been reduced by £1.8m to £4.8m at the year-end (stock relief and the rights issue) and at the same time the cost value of the land bank has been increased from £12.3m to £13.8m.

With Barratt aiming to increase sales by a further 1,000 units this year and with margins now looking much happier on the back of average price increases of 1½ per cent a month, the company can do well this year. On a normal tax charge—last year Barratt provided against deferred tax liabilities thus raising its tax charge to 62½ per cent—the shares at 108p are selling at around seven times earnings and yielding 8½ per cent. In what remains a high risk sector for investors, that looks about as attractive as they come.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £20.5m
Sales £44.6m (£31.8m)
Pre-tax Profits £6.06m (£6.52m)
Earnings per share 14.3p (20.1p)
Dividend gross 9.1724p (5.88p)

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e newspaper industry was e of the first into the current ession and, after last year's p of just over a quarter in fits from the peak pre-tax re of 1973, United News-ers profits have continued ier pressure in the opening f of 1975. True, costs have been escalating at quite the e of last year, but in the ning six months of the year y are still up by a fifth on comparable period last year that is hardly good news en that the group was, in eral, still leaning on cover ce increases dating back to August.

ertainly, increases in adver-ing rates have been more ggered, but, with volume fall away as the recession has pened, the monetary rease in advertising revenue the half year is put at only er cent. Trading profits for half year, then, work out ie 37 per cent lower at 19m, in addition to which estment income is down by e 15 per cent to £337,000 ecting lower interest rates he hop now must be that r price increases in June July will go some way to bring the situation ahead of more fundamental recovery the trading background. n a maximum dividend ease, the prospective yield 10p would be 8.3 per cent d those healthy end 1974 balances of £6.9m rently remain intact.

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ousebuilder could expect nerge entirely unscathed the past 12 months or so Barratt Developments is an exception. That said, h, it has done much better most, although it indicated it might in March at the of the £2.8m rights issue. fits have ended 7 per cent

Conflict in Opec over the next oil price increase

Roger Vielvoye, who is in Vienna, discusses the issues confronting the producers' organization at its meeting starting there today

It is just nine months since the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) gave the world's oil consumers a respite from the seemingly endless round of oil price rises. Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia's ubiquitous oil minister, told the developed countries that they should use the nine-month freeze to learn to live with higher oil prices.

What was publicly billed as a time of learning for wasteful consumers represented, in fact, the first realization by the producing nations that they had pushed the price of oil as far as it would go. Their main customers were entering a deep economic depression and could no longer afford to keep contributing to the Opec coffers.

World inflation is being slowly brought under control and the lessons of conservation slowly being learnt, but it is obvious that the consumers are not emerging from the depression as anything like the speed the producers had expected when they last met in June. For this reason the 13 ministers from Opec countries will later this week probably decide to impose only moderate price increases when the freeze ends on September 30—though, as Opec observers have learnt from bitter experience, nothing about the producers' organization can be taken as a foregone conclusion.

Shaikh Yamani has campained vigorously for an extension of the freeze or at worst a small—5 per cent—rise in prices. In unofficial meetings with his ministerial colleagues from other Opec countries in the past two months he has contended that the industrialized countries are still not strong enough to withstand another large price rise.

Opec production has risen to almost 28 million barrels a day compared with just under 26 million barrels a day during the worst days of the slump in demand. Output has been boosted by a small amount of stockpiling in advance of a price increase, but at its June meeting Opec members were talking in terms of production topping 29 million barrels a day by the autumn.

The Saudis point out that an increase of more than a dollar a barrel—at this level Britain's balance of payments burden would grow by about £370m in a full year—could halt the economic recovery for months.

At the back of everyone's mind in Opec is the effect that a continuation of the slump could have on the unity of the organization. To the surprise of many people the Opec price structure has held together throughout the slump, despite active and publicized price cutting in Libya, Nigeria and Iraq. The unknown factor is how many other countries might be forced to join the price cutters if a too-large price increase pushed output down to its late spring nadir.

At the last meeting in June the question of a production-sharing plan to be put into operation in the event of a future fall in demand was put on one side. With Saudi Arabia voluntarily making huge cuts in its output, other states faced fairly small cutbacks.

Economic experts employed by Opec gave warning that the lack of a production-sharing system endangered the future unity of the organization, but devising a way of sharing production cuts fairly was also potentially divisive and the issue was avoided.

Shaikh Yamani has found himself lined up against some formidable opposition. Algeria, Iraq and Libya take the view that the economic health of Opec members comes first and that of the consumers second. World inflation has cut the value of oil revenues by between 25 and 30 per cent, hitting hardest states like Algeria and Iran which have no revenue surpluses to draw on

In this area the attitude of Iran is vital. Iranian interests are similar to those of Libya and up to two months ago the Shah was extremely hawkish on prices, backing Algerian calls for a 30 per cent rise. Recently, however, his attitude has been more moderate and last week he said in Denmark that Iran would insist on nothing more than a 15 per cent increase from the end of the month.

The opponents of a low price rise back up their arguments by pointing to the forecasts from western economists just after the quadrupling of oil prices in 1973 that the world monetary and banking system would collapse and that the only way the Opec countries could use their surpluses of cash would be by purchasing large slices of manufacturing capacity and property in the consuming countries.

Most of the main consuming countries have adjusted to the higher cost of energy and the only substantial investments by Opec members outside their own countries has been in rather staid property deals.

But there is no way that the militants in Opec can ignore the growing discontent of the third world countries. Even though they import very little oil, none of them has been able to come to terms with the big drain on their tiny foreign exchange reserves that oil costs now represent.

Feeling against the high price of oil has been largely muted in the third world in the hope of a two-tiered price system or in the expectation of more foreign aid.

Two-tiered pricing of oil was, however, never a serious proposition and many of the poorer nations in Africa and Latin America have been forced to line up for what financial assistance has been left after extremely large sums have been paid out to less well off Moslem countries.

The criticism that has been generated has raised one of the basic fears of the producers' organization—that it will be viewed as a rich man's club, rather a fully fledged member of the industrial west nor accepted as a leader of the third world. Dialogue in these circumstances becomes more important.

A moderate price increase, with the date of implementation perhaps delayed until the initial conference to set up the dialogue in Paris on October 13, could be decided upon as a gesture of goodwill. Delaying any further action on the indexing of oil prices and making this a subject for discussion between consumers and producers might also answer the same problem.

Opec members are anxious to get away from the quarterly price-fixing meeting. By linking oil prices to the cost of their imports, crude could move up (and presumably down) in value in line with other products.

Industrial countries are generally opposed to indexing as they claim that it perpetuates inflated values for oil.

Today's meeting seems likely to reject the previous decision of the organization to switch from the dollar to special drawing rights (SDRs) as the unit of currency for calculating oil prices. Strengthening of the dollar over the past three months has convinced most members that they can get a better deal by keeping the traditional pricing method.

Assuming that the Saudis are successful and prices rise by, say, only 10 per cent—about a dollar a barrel—what is in store for countries like Britain that are already hard pressed to pay their oil bills? A 10 per cent increase would add £370m to the United Kingdom import bill and spread evenly, would mean an extra 1.4p a gallon on the price of all oil products.

If past patterns were repeated and a large part of this was loaded on to petrol prices, motor spirit would go up by about 6p a gallon. But that is not the end of the story. The oil companies are in a dilemma that prevents them from simply loading price increases on to petrol.

Competition and price-cutting in the petrol market is intense but, on the other hand, the market for industrial oil products is depressed.

If October and early November are cold and the forecast for the rest of the winter is bleak, then the industrial heating market will pick up and become less resistant to bearing at least its fair share of an all-round price increase.

Applications to the Price Commission to recover these increased costs will not stop at 1.4p a gallon across the board. Since the collapse of sterling in June the cost of oil imports has soared and companies calculate that they would need a further 1.5p a gallon to recover these losses.

Also, there is a marginal sum of perhaps just under ½p to make good the effects on the companies of general inflation.

Therefore, regardless of what Opec decides, the outlook for oil consumers is gloomy. Paradoxically, while Britain will be among the hardest hit by an oil price increase, in the long term higher Opec prices benefit the country.

Each extra dollar that goes on to the Opec price also goes on to the price of North Sea oil, swelling the government tax take and removing some of the doubts about the commercial practicability of some of the smaller fields.

Northern Foods

An attractive rights

With the directors of Northern Foods forecasting that gross dividends of 3.89p per share will be "at least" maintained next year, and the ex-rights price of the ordinary (which closed at 86½p last night) at 66p, the rights issue pushes the prospective yield on the shares up by just over a point to 5.9 per cent. That, apparently, was not the object of the exercise. But there is no doubt that the improved return will provide extra support for a price which has been pushing ahead in anticipation of just such recovery as Northern Foods yesterday announced.

Ten months' profit figures are not merely well ahead of those for the whole of last year, but comfortably up on the previous record annual total of £5.6m. Granted, the retrospective margin awards on milk are up by the best part of £450,000 on those of the preceding year, and by £236,000 on 1972-73; but then British Credit Trust, while doing well in comparison with last year's parlous performance, has in producing 10-months' profits of £488,000 come no where near the £1.1m pre-tax achieved in 1972-73. So the figures indicate not merely recovery but a real element of growth; and if some of that can be put down to the effects of a magnificent summer on the profitability of the brewery and the ice cream business, plenty is still attributable to rationalization of the group's other activities.

There is more to be looked for from such developments, particularly since the group has decided upon further expansion of its recession-proof activities. But the best of the bounce back is undoubtedly over, even though British Credit Trust is now seeing a steady trickle of new business which, at rates more attuned to present interest levels than the old business being run off, should prove lucrative. Still the rating given to the shares, now that BCT's troubles are over, looks justified—and the rights are certainly very attractive.

Bejam

Resumed growth

Bejam convincingly reversed its first half profits dip with profits moving ahead by around 50 per cent in the second six months. Thus, the year's pre-tax profit is nearly a third to the good. Part of this gain was due to the pre-VAT spending spree, which saw Bejam's freezer sales some 98 per cent ahead at £5.4m, but food sales, up by nearly two fifths and accounting for £30.3m out of the £35.7m total turnover, were also strong.

Apart from the expected lull immediately after the onset of luxury VAT rates, sales of both food and freezers are continuing at "satisfactory rates". Inflation, however, accounted for around half the monetary increase in sales, while square footage increased by around 40 per cent, although not all this additional selling space was operational by the end of the year.

With freezer sales back to normal this year, but still liable to outstrip most other "white goods", it is arguable whether Bejam's food business will be affected by the sort of trends now emerging from the supermarkets—contraction of volume and a general trading down.

Bejam says that competition from the other freezer food operations now being set up by some multiples will not be a problem since its distribution network is now so large. And it points to the relatively low number of freezer users in the United Kingdom as compared with northern Europe.

For the current year, Bejam's somewhat dented margins should improve, given that meat prices are expected to move up. The second half of last year meat turnover, accounting for around a quarter of Bejam's food total, has remained static in money and volume terms due to weak prices, while margins have suffered from rising costs. At 102p, down 5p yesterday, the shares are on an historic p/e ratio of just under 15, yielding 5.9 per cent, a rating that is in step with Bejam's quite favourable prospects during the next 12 months.

Final: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £11.3m
Sales £35.7m (£24.6m)
Pre-tax Profits £1.6m (£1.2m)
Earnings per share 6.95p (5.37p)
Dividend gross 6.1p (4.5p)

Investment prospects warm the East Midlands

At the East Midlands regional headquarters of government departments such as those for trade and industry and employment, housed in the rash of new office blocks—not all of them fully let—in the much rebuilt regional capital of Nottingham, problems enough are stacked in the in-trays.

Lately there have been question marks particularly over the future of what is known locally as the "knicker" industry—hosiery, knitwears and lace—some sectors of which have been driven into short-time working, it is claimed, largely through competition from cheap foreign imports.

Now Plessey Telecommunications has announced a cutback of 500 jobs at its Beeston factory, near Nottingham, possibly with more to come. Short-time working there is also likely.

But there are also harbingers of industrial investment—and in more than one sector.

Barely a month after the oGvernment released details of a £25m aid programme for the ferrous foundry industry so many inquiries have gone to the Department of Industry at Cranbrook House that departmental officials are beginning to feel that the foundrymen are, as one official put it, "& going to town".

Mr Michael Stamper, director of the East Midlands Engineering Employers Federation, believes the main beneficiaries of the scheme are likely to be medium-sized concerns. Some of the smallest are unlikely to meet its minimum spending requirements.

Whether the biggest East Midlands foundries—Birmid Qualcast and Ley's Malleable Castings at Derby and British Leyland at Wellingborough—may ask for a slice of the government cash cake is an open question. Birmid Qualcast—whose foundry is a leading motor industry supplier, its better known lawn-mower factory being a separate Derby activity—is a possibility, because an improvements programe has already started there.

What is probably an important spur to this upsurge of foundry interest is the need to get producing units into line with the new anti-pollution and safety at work standards. To get government aid, foundries will have to put up improvement plans of which the anti-pollution or safety work is only a part.

If this generates a reasonable level of investment in increased capacity, it could go some way to offset the trend to shrinkage particularly in the number of jobbing foundries on which several industries—notably machine tools and mechanical engineering—rely for their specialized needs.

Nationally foundry closures hit a peak of 72 in 1968, with a decline in the rate of closure ever since. But Mr Stamper commented: "At the moment one or two of our members are worried about their future. These are small foundries." Many engineering companies have been closing their own small foundries.

While response to the foundry scheme is encouraging, it remains to be seen what will happen with recent developments on the aid scheme for the clothing industry. As this was at first envisaged it would have benefited the made-up, mainly woven, garment industry.

Knitwear tends not to fall into that classification, although with some garments—cardigans and similar wear—there is an element of cut and sew. Now it has been made clear that aid can be considered for knitwear operations with such elements in their production, thus holding out a promise of cash for the East Midlands.

But for knitwear companies, not caught in the same way as the foundries by anti-pollution demands, it will remain a straightforward investment decision. Whether a fairly small slice of government aid can offset the daunting prospects of the textile recession appears a hard question for the time being, although many East Midland companies may not yet be aware of the newly-secured benefits.

In the East Midlands there has so far been some interest from machine tool manufacturers in the government's £20m aid scheme for that sector, but the level of inquiries has been nowhere near that from the foundries.

Although Plessey's difficulties now make more tenuous Nottingham's hold on a 5 per cent unemployment rate—theoretically it should push the city to the national average off 5.2 per cent—the prospect of large-scale investment and expansion is emerging in another important sector.

Coalmining, the decline of which in the East Midlands coalfield particularly forced a development area policy in the Erewash valley, now seems to be marching east and south of the Nottinghamshire-Derbyshire border.

At Eastwood, the D. H. Lawrence mining village, Mr Wilfrid Miron, National Coal Board member for the East Midlands, spreads his desk with maps cross-hatched with exploration lines and locations.

Some 18 months' search has produced encouraging results in the vale of Belvoir between Nottingham and Melton Mowbray. The extent of the reserves is not yet assessed, although Mr Miron envisages in the East Midlands as a whole enough coal to last 100 years at presem production rates.

At the vale of Belvoir a new colliery, or an extension of the new £25m Cotgrave pit near Nottingham, could be needed to exploit the likely reserves, and decisions on that could be little over a year away.

There could possibly be even greater potential, involving a number of beep mines in east Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire, as Coal Board experts plot the posible track of coal seams eastwards from the old, now virtually played out shallow seams of the Nottinghamshire-Derbyshire border.

Mr Mirson says: "This is the growth industry in the East Midlands. While other sectors are not recruiting we are seeking to expand our industry and the recruits for it."

At what speed the East Midlands mining growth proceeds depends obviously not only on the new fields being proved—and getting through the environmental net—but the priority they secure in NCB national plans. Other major fields, like Selby in Yorkshire, are already well ahead in the pipeline.

But there could obviously be a lot more coming into the East Midlands economy from coalmining in the not too distant future.

There would be some irony in the East Midlands thus gaining from pit expansions when benefits are already beginning to flow from the earlier rundown of the mines in the Erewash assisted area. A large amount of light industry has now been established in the Erewash, well served like Nottingham and Derby by motorways.

Although Nottingham—a few miles out of the Erewash assisted area—is well diversified (Boots, John Players, Raleigh), local anxieties over hosiery and knitwear, and now telecommunications, could well intensify that city's attempts to squeeze more light industry through the industrial development certificates net.

Whether or not such a campaign would get anywhere in bringing more mobile industry investment to the regional capital itself, the longer-term promise of investment in the wider East Midlands area at least for the moment has about it the suggestion of sunrise at the end of a long and stormy economic night.

But, in the national context, it is arguably at best a false dawn arising from special factors.

Derek Harris

Relatively satisfactory results from Illingworth, Morris in a most difficult year

High level of exports

Mr. Maurice Ostrer reporting to Stockholders

The world recession in textiles has been probably amongst the worst ever experienced.

With the trading conditions experienced during 1974/75 it is considered that the results were relatively satisfactory and the Preference and Ordinary Dividends paid and proposed (after waivers) are covered almost three times by the net profit attributable to the Parent Company.

During the year the Australian Wool Corporation backed by the Australian Government has taken action towards stabilising the price of wool. The logical result should be to keep the fluctuations in the price of wool to a truly modest level, thus probably making wool the least speculative raw material in international trade. This action is of significant value to our Group and the trade in general.

Much publicity has recently been given to the importation into this country of low priced suits and cloth. Quite correctly, all sections of our industry have sought help from the Government. Your Group, however, depends on exports for approximately 50% of its activity and we can understand some of the Government's difficulties whereby, in trying to help our industry, they have to be careful not to disturb reciprocal trade agreements.

Continued membership of the EEC provides us with an opportunity for expanding our sales into Europe and the possibility of reflationary policies being pursued by Western Germany, Japan and the USA could have beneficial effects upon your Company.

Group bank borrowings reduced very significantly and that trend is continuing. Subject only to a return to even higher borrowing rates, the bank interest charge in the current year will be reduced considerably.

Financial Review	Year ended 31st March 1975
Turnover:	£
Home sales	38,197,000
Direct exports	29,355,000
Indirect exports	10,335,000
Overseas subsidiaries	2,263,000
	80,150,000
Profit before taxation	1,630,000
Profit attributable to Illingworth, Morris & Co. Ltd.	1,285,000
Cost of dividends	466,000
Retained within the Group	819,000

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Business Diary: Motoring out of Earls Court • Like father

nnual International Motor is to be moved from Earls London, its home for the 8 years, to Birmingham's National Exhibition —at least for the time

A deal just concluded n the Society of Motor acturers & Traders and ig Guarantee Trust, the of Earls Court, has at leared the way for the to be made.

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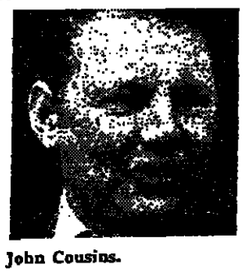
But whether shows are held annually or biennially both Earls Court and SMMT officials admitted last night that the motor show will have to move to Birmingham in 1977 or 1978 while Earls Court is given a much-needed facelift. The big question now is: "Wil it remain there or will the strong London lobby insist that it returns to the fleshpots of the capital?"

Birmingham has no doubts. An NEC spokesman said last night: "Once the motor industry and visiting motorists have experienced the best exhibition facilities in Europe we are convinced they will find them irresistible."

With the one million sq ft of exhibition space available at Birmingham — twice that at Earls Court and all at ground level—the SMMT will be able to end the much disliked two-day "cliffhanger" which takes place every May. Because of the space limitations at Earls Court stand sites are allocated by ballot.

NEDO man

John Cousins, son of Frank, and a national officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union for the past eight years, was nicely urbane yesterday about his appointment as Manpower and Industrial Relations Officer of the National Economic Development Office.



John Cousins.

The son, now 43, leaves his present position as the T and G's public sector national secretary early in November to take up the new job. He has been as bellicose in his day as father was in his, and has tended to be remembered for leading British European Airways loaders out on strike in 1965, paralysing Whitsun traffic at Heathrow.

"Like Piaf, I have no regrets about the past," he said yesterday. "One may adopt different methods of getting things done at different times in one's career, but it doesn't make you less conscious of the needs of the working classes or of society."

Cousins believes his 25 years or more experience in the T and G, as well as membership of TUC committees, will stand him in good stead in putting over ideas at NEDO to both unions and management. He talked of the huge task of persuading both sides of industry that Britain's economic performance leaves a lot to be desired.

In a way he is following in his father's footsteps even at NEDO, because Cousins senior was a founder member of that organization.

Hotel prices

Some of the more mind-bending estimates of the cost of building the latest Inter-continental Hotel, on a plum location at Hyde Park Corner in London, were robustly denied yesterday.

The Duke of Wellington, who lives next door—"it will be handy for breakfast" he commented after ceremoniously unlocking the hotel's front door and then keeping the key—had been putting his seal on an official opening junket—although the hotel has actually been open since June.

Hans Sternik, president of Intercontinental Hotels, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pan Am—although Sternik was quick to point out that their accounting was kept strictly separate—claimed that the new hotel looks like costing £13m. That comes out at about £26,000 a bedroom, well under some popular estimates.

On this basis the average rate for a single room of £25 is thought to be economic. Intercontinental, involved in 69 hotels in 46 countries, has a fifty-fifty ownership deal with Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons for the new London hotel.

Perhaps predictably Graham Jeffrey, the general manager, was full of optimism about the hotel's future and the state of bookings. Sternik says package travellers would probably be accepted only in the quiet winter months.

He cleared up some questions which have been hanging over Intercontinental's other London hotel, the Portman, slightly down-market from the new establishment. The group had considered offering its third equity stake in the Portman to any bidder but has now changed its mind, although Sternik believes the future of the top end of the market is the more secure.

Intercontinental must have felt slight chagrin over one thing at yesterday's glossy proceedings. It was less than 24 hours since the Portman had been bombed.

Jersey fun

Jersey MPs have been asked to let private enterprise invest £500,000 in new amenities at the local "fun centre" at Fort Regent, a 20-acre Napoleonic fort overlooking St Helier. They have also been asked to spend another £250,000 of local taxpayers' money on top of at least £2m already spent since 1968 creating attractions to draw some 500,000 customers a year.

The new cash would buy a synthetic skating rink, with catering facilities, and more indoor and outdoor amusements including a giant chess board, trampolines and "children's corner" facilities.

Much of the development would be under what has been called Europe's largest unused roofed-in-area—the Fort's former three-acre parade ground. But its central rotunda, once seen as a conference auditorium for up to 2,000 delegates, would still be unoccupied.

Fort director Peter Smyth says he is prepared to put any reasonable suggestion "from planetarium to beer hall" in front of his committee.

After all, it is not every day that an 80-feet high cylindrical space topped by one of Europe's largest steel skin domes 190 feet in diameter comes on to the leasing market.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Widespread falls in industrial and gold shares

The City's faith in the Government's anti-inflation programme was unsettled by the disclosure that today will bring news of measures to combat unemployment. Stock market fears of premature reflation were expressed by widespread falls in share prices. At the end of the day, the *FT* share index showed a fall of 9.8 points to 334.9, its lowest level for the session.

A fresh setback in bullion prices in London brought selling of gold shares from South Africa and the United States, as well as from Europe.

Gilts had a rather quiet day. The weakness of sterling had only a limited impact on the market, as it was generally attributed to the advance of the dollar rather than to a deterioration in sentiment about the British currency.

"Shorts" eased, but by only 1/16 point on most stocks. "Longs", after being steady at the opening, were unsettled by small selling around midday. Prices were commonly ¼ or ½ point lower.

The coupon rate on the "yearling" issue was 11¾ per cent.

The equity market was quickly unsettled by adverse press comment, which suggested that a fresh spate of rights issues might be ahead. By mid-morning, when the pound was sliding lower in the foreign exchange markets, it was clear that shares were in for a bad day. Prices quickly sagged as profit takers found themselves trading in a market devoid of buyers.

The new 9¼ per cent convertible loan stock of Haslemere Estates made a successful debut. The stock, traded nil paid, closed at a premium of 29p after a active trading session.

But dealers stressed that shares were finding buyers at the lower level. The total of marked bargains, at 5,912, was well below Monday's figure, and indicated that yesterday's fall of 3 per cent in share prices *took place on moderate trading.* The volume figure of £85m for Monday, on the other hand, confirms that the rise in shares was backed by a substantial turnover.

But on the gold share pitch, there was no relief from the gloom. A further, and severe fall in the Bullion price took its toll of shares prices, which recorded falls to around £2 in the heavy weights.

Almost every source seemed to wan to sell gold shares, and, although not all potential sellers realized their intentions, the market remained "flat". The close brought bad news *from Wall Street, with United* States sources again selling in London.

Among the hardest hit were FS Geduld, 250p down at 2175p Vaal Reefs 200p lower at 1900p, and Western Holdings 225p don at 2875p.

*Industrial shares met excite*ment in the first hour when the market caught the hint of a massive placing of shares in Babcock & Wilcox. The Babcock share prices, which stood at 115p ahead of the confirmation that US Babcock was placing its stake of 10¼m shares with institutions, later dipped to 112p a net 11p off. The entire transaction was completed swiftly, but *probably diverted the inter*est of the major brokers and their clients from the rest of the market for the first hour of trading.

The multi-nationals were unsettled by the continued fall in sterling against the dollar. ICI fell 5p to 286p, Courtaulds 5p to 134p, Beecham 5p to 317p and Unilever 16p to 386p. Eats (308p), Glaxo Holdings (370p) and Fisons (388p) were others to turn lower.

There was a widespread reaction among engineering shares. At 252p, Metal Box fell in thin trading, while others to weaken included Hawker Siddeley (300p after 302p), Tube Investments (252p), GKN (220p) and Dowty Engineering (123p).

Building and construction issues also turned back after *several days of rising prices.* AP Cement dipped to 176p, and R. Costain (224p), G. Wimpey (119p), and Taylor Woodrow (284p) came back sharply. Interim profits from J Laing failed to please and the shares dipped to 130p. But Barratt Developments and Tilbury Contracting *improved* after their trading statements.

Consumer stocks were unsettled, with Combined English Stores a shade off at 72p after disclosing interim profits below market hopes, and Bejam (102p) hit by the profit takers. Losses in the store leaders were small.

Profit taking clipped the shares in Anglo-Thai 5p to 147p after their 50p jump to 156p on last week's near £32m offer from Inchcape. A rebuff is expected. Anglo is thought not to want Inchcape paper, and it is not clear whether Jardine will make a counter bid.

Bank and insurance shares fell back. The exception was Hambros, which improved to 200p after confirmation of a statement tomorrow on rumours that a United States source has takena substantial stake.

In a dull property share *sector* Land Security retreated from recent strength. But bid talks with Pearl Assur*ance put 45p on New London* Properties at 210p.

Oil shares were well bought *from London yesterday but re*retreated in late dealings when Wall Street sold stock in London. BP, 7p off at 553p *had* touched 558p, and Burmah, with the interim due today, touched 38½p *before closing* at 37p.

Equity turnover on Monday was worth £84.7m (19,296 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph were ICI, Haslemere Ests 9¼ per cent conv loan, Babcock & Wilcox, EMI, Burmah, Distillers, Barclays Bank, Unilever, Bats and Royal Insurance.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Barratt Devs (10p) Fin	4.72	3.16	—	5.99	3.93
Bejam Group (10p) Fin	2.5	1.75	—	4.0	3.0
Berwick Timpo (25p) Int	0.65	0.63	1/12	2.44*	1.51
Brixton Estate (25p) Int	1.11	1.17	—	—	1.77
Brown & Jackson (20p) Int	2	1.75	30/10	—	3.85
Com English Stores (12½p)	1.25	1.13	—	—	2.65
Dutton-Forshaw (25p) Int	0.76§	1.62§	—	—	2.62§
John Haggas (10p) Fin	1.93	1.76	24/4	2.77	2.60
Manders (Holdings) (25p)	0.54	0.49	24/11	—	1.89
Rbt McBride (10p) Int	1.94	1.91	7/11	—	3.68
Metalrax (5p) Int	0.44	0.41†	28/10	—	1.04†
Ruberoid (25p) Int	0.35	0.7	14/11	—	1.87
Geo H. Scholes (25p) Fin	9.5	0.06	19/11	13.5	12.92
Solicitors' Law (20p)	1.36	1.34	28/10	—	3.24
G. W. Sparrow (20p)	1.36	1.65	—	—	3.12
Utd Newspapers (25p) Int	5	4.5	12/11	—	10.66

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. † Adjusted for scrip. * Forecast. Gross dividend : Correction.

AIP final omitted after pre-tax loss of £1.3m

Though there was an interim of 0.37p Amalgamated Investment & Property is paying no final dividend after reporting a pre-tax loss for the year to March 31 of £1.3m, against a profit of £5.7m the year before. Rents receivable were up at £8.6m against £8.0m.

The board says the loss reflected the writing down of property values in trading subsidiaries by £3.2m. The properties held by investment companies at the year end stood at £209m (based mainly on 1973 valuations) against £190m, and shareholders funds amounted to £102m, compared with £105m.

Since last March the group has sold a further £18.5m of its property portfolio and these sales fetched about 20 per cent less than book value. Group borrowings at March 31 had increased by about £17m to £124m, but capital commitments had been slashed from 44.5m to just under 10m. The board adds that it has substantially reduced its current development programme and most schemes under construction should be finished early next year. Even so, the shares fell 3p to 29½p yesterday.

Unions to press Govt to vet Furness Withy

Trade unions speaking for staff employed by the Furness Withy shipping group are to ask the Government to examine the circumstances surrounding the 28.5 per cent investment by Eurocanadian Shipholdings in *FW, writes Our Industrial* Editor. They want assurances that the Government will vet, and block, if necessary, any full take-over or interference with trading policies.

Unions involved are the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association, the AEUW, and ASTMS. Their anxieties concern the complex ownership of the little-known Canadian shipping group, asset-stripping, and important changes to policy.

Eurocanadian has said that its stake is an investment, but added: "Discussions will be held between the two companies to determine how best to develop their mutual trading interests."

Ruberoid moves to cut out loss

In 1974 Ruberoid saw its pre-tax profits fall 44 per cent to £506,000. Now it reports a loss of £331,000, against a profit of £265,000, for the six months to June 29. But Mr Thomas Kenney, the chairman, says that a profit is expected for the full year so an interim dividend of 0.53p is being paid, although it is down from 1.04p gross.

Losses were suffered in the Midland division of Ruberoid Contracts—other group activities range from packaging materials to building products. No further work of this type will be undertaken while lower administrative costs are expected after "changes" in the subsidiary's management and a streamlining of administration.

Dolan beats £2m for first time

In the year to June 28, Dolan Packaging raised pre-tax profit from £1.8m to £2.1m, on turnover up from £11.6m to £13.8m. Depreciation accounted for £391,000 against £317,000 and loan stock interest was slightly down from £60,000 to £59,000. The net profit was £997,000 compared with £830,000 and earnings a share went up from 9.80p to 11.90p. The final dividend is 1.43p, making the year's total 2.92 compared with 2.64p.

Newman Ind optimism

More than doubled pre-tax profits of £663,000 were made by Newman Industries, the electric motor group—in the six months to June 30. Mr Alan Bartlett, the chairman, says that the board looks forward to another year of "significant achievement".

Following a change in group dividend policy, an interim of 1.5p is being paid, against a single payment of 5.03p last year.

Haggas sails over £2m and still gaining

Yorkshire worsted group John Haggas hoisted its pre-tax profits from £1.6m to a record £2.1m on turnover which rose only from £12.7m to £13.6m in the year to June 30, and this is a bigger final dividend. All three divisions have made a "splendid" start to the current year, and there is a fair chance of further growth in profits this year.

The profit for 1974-5 is before writing down book value of investments by £316,000 from "bed-and-breakfast" transactions in Government securities. Current market value of the portfolio is £4m, but the board says it will not yet commit these funds. The final dividend of 2.90p (2.62) make the year's total 4.19p (3.87p).

Manders flourishes

Useful growth is reported by Manders (Holdings), in paint, printing ink and property. Pre-tax profits in the first six months to June 30 went up from £906,000 to £956,000. The board points out that last year's first half figure reflected the impact on the valuation of basic stocks of increases in raw material prices. The interim dividend rises from 0.73p to 0.83p.

Broken Hill gloom

Reduced demand, inadequate selling prices and inflation make it appear that the results of Broken Hill Proprietary over the coming year will be "most unsatisfactory", Sir Ian McLennan, chairman, told the annual meeting in Melbourne.

Earlier company forecasts of a reduction in last year's $A109.m5 would be borne out. He revealed that the company is negotiating with foreign and Australian banks for a loan. The board is also discussing with the Papua New Guinea government possible involvement in the OK Tedi copper venture.

Robert McBride ahead

The signs point to a record year for Robert McBride (Middleton), the detergent and bleach group. Pre-tax profits were a record £479,000 against £393,000 in the first six months to June 30. Turnover rose from £2.0m to £2.6m. Last full year pre-tax profits rose 77 per cent to a new peak of £810,000. The board simply says that the full year's results will be satisfactory. The group has not included Gretna Laboratories, bought last April for £65,000. The interim dividend is 2.9p against 2.8p.

Solicitors' Stationery

The Solicitors' Law Stationery Society reports an increase in pre-tax profits from £692,000 to a record £729,000 for the half-year to June 30. Turnover was £6.86m against £5.31m, and earnings a share rose from 3.04p to 3.16p. The Interim dividend is 2.10p against 2.0p. Directors are confident that "slow but steady" progress will be maintained.

Fitch Lovell

Food group Fitch Lovell has pulled its poultry interests back into profits but was caught, along with the industry in losses in the early months of the financial year to April 1975. These losses were much nearer £750,000 than the £1m mentioned here yesterday, and were suffered, and corrected, long before the first quarter of 1975 as we also wrongly said.

The British Electric Traction Company, Limited

Extracts from the Review of the Chairman, Sir John Spencer Wills, circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1975

Accounts

After seven successive years of growth, during which pre-tax profits rose from £8.1 million to £45.9 million, there has been a contraction in the year to 31st March 1975, to a profit of £37.75 million—the level of two years ago. Shareholders were informed by the Board, in the Interim Statement published in January this year, of the likelihood that the year's results would show a profit of that order.

Boulton & Paul suffered a substantial reduction in profits, and Murphy Bros. and Humphries Holdings incurred heavy losses. In the case of the latter two companies, action has been taken to rectify management shortcomings. Also, as I warned last year, the profits of Thames Television fell considerably below those of the previous period because of the effect of the recession on advertisement revenue.

The remainder of the Group showed an increase in profit of £1.75 million, over one-half being provided by the plant hire companies which, for the third year in succession, put up an excellent performance, increasing their aggregate profit from £3.1 million to almost £4.1 million.

Today, when a company's cash position is scrutinised as closely as its profits, I wish to say a few words about the financial position of the B.E.T. Group.

In common with industry generally, we have been affected by inflation, especially in its effect on working capital requirements. As the Consolidated Balance Sheet shows, bank borrowings amount to £68.5 million and loan capital to £19.3 million, making a total of £87.8 million. On the other hand, we have cash balances of £13.1 million (excluding balances of £7 million held in Rhodesia), and general investments shown in the Consolidated Balance Sheet at a value of £27 million. Some £24 million of these general investments is held by our three investment trust subsidiaries whose valuations were made at their financial year-ends of 31st December 1974, when share prices in the United Kingdom were standing at their lowest level for 20 years. Taking these general investments at their abnormally low value in December last, net borrowings amounted to £47.7 million, compared with issued share capital and reserves of £159.7 million.

The latest valuation of the general investments, made at the end of August, showed them to be worth £42.7 million.

Advance Laundries

Pre-tax profits for 1974, at £1,659,000, showed a modest improvement of £100,000 on those of the previous year, a shortfall in the first half of the year being more than made good in the second six months.

The Towelmaster service had a good year and the Airmaster automatic air-freshening service for use in commercial and industrial premises is gaining wide acceptance and beginning to make a significant contribution to profits. Linen and garment hire also made ground and the progress of the Dustmaster mat hire service was particularly encouraging.

The improvement achieved in the second half of 1974 has continued into 1975 and the results for the current year are expected to show a further increase.

Humphries Holdings

The year under review was an extremely bad one for Humphries Holdings. After two years of gradual recovery, the company incurred a loss, after extraordinary items, of £918,000.

Filmatic Laboratories, which handles mainly 16 mm and 8 mm industrial and general films, had a satisfactory year earning profits of £200,000. By contrast, Humphries Film Laboratories, which provides processing facilities for the cinema and television industries, suffered a loss of £380,000 due to the deep recession in the film industry. A merger has been arranged between Humphries Film Laboratories and the successful Colour Film Services Limited. This amalgamation, which is expected to be fully accomplished by the end of 1975, should, it is considered, produce considerable savings and afford a profitable operation.

On the manufacturing side, Mole-Richardson (Stage & Studio Engineering) incurred a loss of £355,000, almost entirely in connection with a large contract for the design, construction and installation of a stage and attendant lighting system for the National Theatre. It is clear, with hindsight, that the difficulties and complexities of this most original project were grossly underestimated by the management concerned as it existed at the time the contract was entered into.

Photomec, which produces film processing equipment, had a satisfactory year and increased its profits.

I regret that the same cannot be said about Opsec. This subsidiary, which makes printed circuit boards and optical equipment, earned a small profit for the first time in 1973/74, and had been expected to make further progress during the year under review. Initially, this had appeared to be the case but later serious, although not fraudulent, misrepresentation of the company's financial position came to light and an eventual loss of £249,000 was incurred.

The unsatisfactory conditions which were found to exist within sectors of the Humphries Holdings Group have not been allowed to continue and firm action has been taken to cut losses and tighten up controls.

United Transport

The 1974 operating profits of the United Transport group, the great bulk of whose activities are overseas, at £11,676,000 were again a record, up from £10,631,000 in 1973, despite the steep world-wide increase in fuel costs and the onset of trade recession in many countries.

The adverse effect of exchange rate movements in 1974 reduced pre-tax profits to £11,508,000, compared with £11,826,000 in 1973 when there were substantial positive currency adjustments. Road transport activities at home and overseas contributed to the increase in operating profit, but the main growth was in passenger and freight business in Africa.

Expansion is taking place in a number of fields, including, in particular, the development of world-wide heavy lift road transport services using the group's unique expertise and international connections; a load weighing in excess of 1,000 tons has been moved.

Integrated warehousing, transport and distribution services have been developed, particularly within the E.E.C. countries, and the network of air freight forwarding companies has been extended to provide a comprehensive international service.

Overseas the group now operates or manages over 100 companies in 30 countries in Africa, Europe, the Far East, and the South Pacific, involving the use of 2,500 buses and coaches, 1,500 cars for tourist transport, and 2,000 freight units.

With this extensive organisation, the group is well placed to take advantage of the recovery in world trade which is expected to occur before we see an improvement in the economy at home.

Canadian Motorways

Twelve months ago, I was able to report that Canadian Motorways had earned a record profit of £799,000 in 1973. It is pleasing to report a further increase in operating profit in 1974, to £875,000. There were also non-recurring profits from the sale of properties, amounting to £139,000.

The new depot facilities in Winnipeg and Edmonton are now in operation and enable the company to provide better services to its customers. Other improvements in Vancouver and Regina are planned and, when they have been completed, Canadian Motorways should be in the forefront as regards equipment and terminal facilities.

Trading conditions in Canada became more difficult towards the end of 1974. Canadian Motorways is, however, better equipped in human and physical resources than at any time previously and the company will give a good account of itself in 1975.

Murphy Bros.

Murphy Bros. suffered a loss of £2,835,000. The company's opencast coal mining operations were affected by the miners' strike early in 1974 and by the impact of inflation on costs throughout the year. Rising labour and material costs resulted in losses on certain fixed price civil engineering contracts.

The company's acquisition in 1973 of a civil engineering firm, Junk & Gruber, based in Munich, turned out to have been ill-judged. Furthermore, it was followed by a downturn in the West German economy which resulted in a drastic cut back in the placing of contracts for road construction works, on which that firm depends. For the eighteen months to end-December 1974, the German subsidiary incurred losses of £635,000, and losses have continued during the current year, the reflation of the German economy having as yet failed to benefit the company.

During the year there has been a reorganisation of the group's senior and middle management.

Boulton & Paul

Boulton & Paul's main operations are heavily dependent on the level of activity in the building and construction industry, particularly the private housing sector. The cut back in housebuilding experienced in the last quarter of 1973/74, continued throughout the whole of 1974/75 and, although the steel construction division had a good twelve months, the pre-tax profit of the group overall fell to £1,395,000, compared with the previous year's record profit of £5,096,000.

The results were drastically affected by a substantial increase in working capital requirements for the company's major activity, the manufacture of joinery. Boulton & Paul has to commit itself to its annual timber purchases nearly a year in advance of expected usage, and commitments were entered into some time before the recession in housebuilding occurred. The effect of doubled timber prices and the subsequent inability to turn these costly stocks into cash at the expected rate of usage, was to increase finance charges by £1.75 million during the year under review.

In the current year, joinery sales have shown an appreciable improvement, in consequence of which there has been a gradual reduction in timber stocks towards a more normal level.

Printing and Publishing

In 1974, Argus Press Holdings suffered a deterioration in pre-tax profit to £335,000 from the £512,000 of 1973. This fall reflected difficulties common throughout the publishing industry, principal among which was steeply rising costs coupled with Price Code restrictions.

Electrical Press did well, helped to some extent by a number of special factors, to earn a profit of £176,000, a slight improvement on its results for the previous year.

Reclamation and Disposal

In 1974, Reclamation and Disposal suffered a loss of £218,000, largely development expenditure by its subsidiary, Re-Chem International.

Re-Chem International commenced commercial operations at its new industrial waste treatment plants at Pontypool in South Wales, and Roughmute in Scotland, in the latter half of 1974. A third plant is under construction at Fawley, in Hampshire, to replace an existing plant in the Southampton area, but with an increased capacity and also well placed to receive petro-chemical wastes from Esso's Fawley refinery, with whom service arrangements have been made.

The 1974 profits of Reclamation and Disposal's other trading subsidiary, Biffa Holdings, which is engaged in general waste disposal and the handling of building aggregates, were affected by the three-day working week and by the recession in the building and civil engineering industry. The current year's trading is showing a marked improvement, in spite of present difficult economic conditions.

Rediffusion Television

The pre-tax profit of Rediffusion Television for the year ended 29th July 1974, including the whole of the profit of Thames Television for its year ended 30th June 1974, was £7,467,000. The profits of Thames Television for the year to 30th June 1974 were, due to prevailing economic conditions, appreciably less than those of its previous year. Rediffusion Television's income from the leasing of properties was also reduced following upon the sale of St. Catherines House. These two reductions were, however, more than offset by a substantial increase in interest earned on the proceeds of sale of St. Catherines House. The profit, after tax and minority interests, of Rediffusion Television, whose interest in Thames is marginally in excess of one-half of that company's issued capital, was £2,564,000—an increase of 18 per cent on the previous year.

The economic situation continued to have an adverse effect on the advertisement revenue of Thames Television during its year to 30th June 1975.

Rediffusion Holdings

The pre-tax profit of Rediffusion Holdings for the year ended 31st March 1975 was £468,000, compared with £769,000 for the previous year. The reduction in profit was due to the substantial interest charges incurred by Wembley Stadium in financing its building development programme.

Building work at Wembley continued throughout the year on the new conference centre, offices, car parks and the construction of overhead walkways leading from the Empire Stadium. The conference centre is expected to open in September 1976, and the offices should be completed and available for occupation in June 1976.

The Wembley Squash Centre, which houses fifteen squash courts, including a championship court with spectator accommodation, was opened in September 1974. The returns to date from this new operation have been encouraging.

Plant Hire

In 1974/75, each of the three plant hire companies, Eddison Plant, Grayston and J. D. White, again achieved record results, their aggregate pre-tax profits of £4,075,000 representing an advance of 30 per cent on the previous year's total.

Grayston opened several new depots and towards the end of its financial year acquired Meral Union Limited, an old-established plant hire undertaking in the London area. In the early part of the current year, Masters Hemel Plant Hire Limited, which operates in Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire, was purchased.

J. D. White continued to improve its position as one of the country's leading operators of large capacity cranes, and plans to add to its fleet further cranes in the 250/300 ton class.

The plant hire companies have well balanced businesses in that they serve a wide range of industries and, provided further severe deterioration in the economy is avoided, their total profits for 1975/76 are not expected to be far removed from those now reported for the past year.

Rediffusion

Rediffusion's trading profit for the year to 31st March 1975, at £33.7 million, represented an advance of £4 million on the previous year's results and was a satisfactory outcome during a period of economic recession. After increased charges for depreciation and interest, the pre-tax profit was a record £14.4 million, compared with the £13.9 million of the previous year.

The further growth in colour set business was satisfactory, having regard to the diminution in demand caused by the continuation of Government controls on hiring and hire-purchase. Since the end of the financial year, further burdens have been imposed in the form of a heavy increase in the colour licence fee and the increase in VAT on television sets and television set rentals to the 'luxury' rate of 25 per cent.

Parliament has since restored the standard rate of VAT of 8 per cent for rental contracts entered into before 16th April 1975; but the 25 per cent rate continues to apply to other customers and remains a deterrent to the growth of new business.

Redifon, in the capital goods sector of the electronic industry, had a successful year. Sales and exports by its three constituent companies, Flight Simulation, Telecommunications, and Electronic Systems, reached record levels; all the companies have full order books.

Under difficult trading conditions, Reditune and the other music service companies produced a good return but were unable to maintain the progress made in recent years.

Rediffusion's new television broadcasting company in Hong Kong ended the year with a greater loss than we had expected, and will show a loss for the current year.

Rediffusion's long association with Malta, where a subsidiary company was established in 1935, has come to a sad end. Last autumn Mr. Mintoff moved to implement his policy, frequently affirmed in public, to take broadcasting into public ownership. The terms offered to Rediffusion were so derisory as to amount almost to expropriation and the company refused to accept them. Consequently, the Mintoff Government procured an alteration of the Constitution of Malta, enabling a bare majority in Parliament to lay down the basis on which compensation should be paid to a company following compulsory nationalisation. As a next step, Mr. Mintoff's General Workers' Union, on the flimsiest of pretexts, staged a sit-in strike, occupying the company's property. They were publicly supported by the Prime Minister. A few days later the Government enacted a Bill setting up an Emergency Council to operate Rediffusion's broadcasting businesses, specifically excluding shareholders and directors from any rights whatsoever. Having thus been deprived of the businesses and any effective legal remedy, the company had to make the best deal it could and it was consequently necessary to provide, in the Profit and Loss Account of the Rediffusion group, for a loss of nearly £400,000—a poor reward for 40 years' service to the Maltese people.

The licensing arrangements under which Rediffusion has enabled and assisted Barlows Manufacturing Company of South Africa to make television sets of Rediffusion design in that country, are working well. The group's subsidiary in South Africa has been active in equipping hotels and blocks of flats with cable systems for distributing radio and the forthcoming television broadcasts. The joint television set marketing operation in South Africa with Barlows has been established and is trading under the name of Telarama.

The Future

It is pretty well impossible at the present time to comment objectively on what the current year may hold in store for us.

Indications so far have been that our results should be no worse than, and indeed might show an improvement on, those for the past year. In common with the rest of industry at home, however, our future must remain dependent on the outcome of the Government's policy, announced in July last, for containing wage increases and reducing the present exceptionally high rate of inflation.

The Annual General Meeting of The British Electric Traction Company, Limited will be held on 16th October 1975, at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.2.

Copies of the Report and Accounts, containing the Chairman's Review, can be obtained from the Secretary (TT), Stratton House, Piccadilly, London W1X 6AS.

The B.E.T. Group

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

...ES ahead ...ut shares ...ip 2p

...he shares of Combined Eng... Stores slipped 2p to 76p ...news that the group's pre... profit for the 28 weeks to ...gust 16 rose 42 per cent to ...2m, from the first 27 weeks ...last year. Turnover in the ...ective periods climbed from ...7m to £24.2m.

...tock market analysts said the ...rim figures were slightly ...er than expected. Mr Murray ...don, chairman, said the ...up has maintained high ...idity and is well placed to ...and in the United Kingdom ...other EEC countries when ...opportunities arise.

...he group, which operates ...500 retail shops including ...ry Fenton, Salisbury's, Col... wood the County Jewellers, ...Youngsters, has raised the ...rim dividend from 1.68p to ...p and the board plans to ...mmend the maximum final ...dend permitted.

...T confident

...erious, although not fraudu..., misrepresentation of the ...ncial position of Opsec, a ...sidiary of British Electric ...ction, led to Opsec making ...249,000 loss instead of a ...fit last year. Sir John Wills, ...irman of BET, says in his ...ual report.

...psec, which makes printed ...uit boards, is part of the ...nphries Holdings group, ...re there were several other ...es. Sir John says that "firm ...ion has been taken to cut ...es and tighten up controls ...prevent recurrences". For ...T as a whole over the com... year he says the results ...uld be no worse than last ...r, and they may show an ...provement.

...ssues & Loans

...CAL AUTHORITIES

...With the coupon on yearling ...ds going up by ⅛ of 1 per cent ...11⅛ per cent this week, Shef... ...d is raising £2m, Bristol £1.5m ...Glasgow £1.25m. Authorities ...rowing £1m each are Bolton, ...by, Motherwell and Plymouth.

...NISH BOND ISSUE COM...TED

...rrangements have been com... ...ed for the issue by Mortgage ...k of Finland of $20m of 9¾ ...cent Guaranteed Bonds 1981 ...a price of 99 per cent. Ham... ...s Bank is the joint syndicate ...ler.

...TE AND LYLE

...ate and Lyle has been granted ...1.6m 10-year loan at 9.5 per ...t by the European Investment ...k to help finance construction ...a glucose factory. The plant is ...be built by Howden Glucose ..., a Tate and Lyle unit, at a ...al cost of £4m. It will have an ...ual capacity of 35,000 tons.

...M FOR BRAZIL

...A $33m private loan to a ...zilian public company, Dersa... ...envolvimento Rodoviario SA, ...ch has been arranged by a ...up of banks led by Citicorp In... ...national Bank, was signed in ...don yesterday. The five-year ..., guaranteed by Banco do ...do de Sao Paulo, carries an ...rest rate of 1⅞ per cent over ...London interbank rate.

... VALLEY WATER

...nderwriting has been com... ...ed for an offer for sale by ...er of £1m Lee Valley Water ...pany 9 per cent redeemable ...erence stock, 1980. Full de... ...will be available on Thurs... ...Brokers to the issue are ...our, Pierce & Co.

...COCK SASINI

...ard proposes a rights issue ...4,694 shares of 10p of 1 for 4 ...ip. Holders of 51 per cent of ...y have agreed to subscribe ...shares, so underwriting not ...ed. Interim dividend is 1p, ...otal of 2.74p (2.49p) is fore...

Briefly

...MAS NATIONWIDE

...mas Nationwide Transport ...t profit A$16.25m against ...7m. Realignment of foreign ...ncies, including devaluation ...stralian dollar in September ...resulted in large unrealized

...INGTON BROTHERS

...pany has bought, for ..., Lamino Oy, a private ...ny, and Finland's largest ...glass manufacturer.

...US & BLAKEY WALL ...RS

...irman states that 309,972 ...ry and 51,021 "A" ordin... ...ares have been distributed ...mbers of his family by a ...trust and by him person...

...ank Base Rates

...clays Bank	10%
...Hoare & Co. ..	*10%
...yds Bank	10%
...lland Bank	10%
...Westminster ..	10%
...nley Trust	11½%
...Century Bank	11½%
...liams & Glyn's	10%

...day deposits on sums of ...0,000 and under, 6½%, ...to £25,000, 7%, over ...5,000, 7¼%.

Commodities

COPPER.—Cash wire bars closed £11.50 higher yesterday and three months wire bars £12.50 dearer. The market attracted further covering and chart operations, encouraged by the steadiness of United States futures and despite a slight rallying tendency in sterling against the United States dollar. Cash cathodes and three months cathodes both closed £12.50 up. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £587.50-88.00 a metric ton; three months, £60?.50-610. Sales, 4,250 tons. Cash cathodes, £575-76.00; three months, £596-97.00. Sales, 200 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £584.50-85.00; three months, £606-6.50. Settlement, £585.00. Sales, 6,950 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £572-72.50; three months, £593-93.50. Settlement, £572.50. Sales, 100 tons.

SILVER closed steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 214.60p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 440.2); three months, 220.70p (448.8c); six months, 227.80p (469.9c); one-year, 241.60p (480.8c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 216.1-16.5p; three months, 224.5-22.8p; seven months, 232.0-33.0p. Sales, 73 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 214.8-15.0p; three months, 220.9-21.0p; seven months, 230.5-31.0p. Settlement, 215.0p. Sales, 138 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal was barely steady; high-grade metal was idle.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,125-30 a metric ton; three months, £3,195-3,200. Sales, 105 tons. High grade, Cash, £3,125-30; three months, £3,195-3,200. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,135-37; three months, £3,203-05. Settlement, £3,137. Sales, 150 tons. High grade, cash, £3,135-37; three months, £3,203-05. Settlement, £3,137. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M985.375 a picul.

LEAD.—Cash metal and three months both closed £6.50 higher.—Afternoon.—Cash, £178.50-79.50 a metric ton; three months, £186.50-87.00. Sales, 1,600 tons. Morning.—Cash, £175.50-76.00; three months, £183.50-84.00. Settlement, £176.00. Sales, 1,575 tons.

ZINC.—Cash metal closed £3.75 up and three months metal £3.00 dearer. Afternoon.—Cash, £347-48.00 a metric ton; three months, £360.50-61.00. Sales, 2,950 tons. Morning.—Cash, £348-348.50; three months, £361.50-62.50. Settlement, £348.50. Sales, 1,350 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM fell by £1.30 yesterday to £72.70 ($148.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was irregular. Oct, 34-34.05p per kilo; Nov, 34.60-36.25p; Oct-Dec, 34.55-35.00p; Jan-March, 35.70-36.75p; April-June, 36.75-36.80p; July-Sept, 37.90-38.00p; Oct-Dec, 39.25-39.30p; Jan-March, 40.45-40.50p; April-June, 41.25-41.30p. Sales: 7 lots at 5 tonnes; 205 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS are quiet.—Spot, 32.75-34.25p. Cifs, Oct, 30.30-30.50p; Nov, 31-31.25p.

COFFEE: Robustas closed easier, £12.50 down in nearby September and £4 down for November. Arabica's were dull.

ROBUSTAS.—Sept, £740-50 per metric ton; Nov, £739-40; Jan, £740-41.50; March, £745-46; May, £750-51; July, £754-55; Sept, £759-60. Sales: 758 lots including four options.

ARABICAS.—Oct, $90.50-91.40 per 50 kilos; Dec, $90.50-90.80; Feb, $91.50-92.00; April, $92.50-93.00; June, $92.50-93.00; Aug, $92.60-93.00; Oct, $93-94.50. Sales: one lot.

COCOA futures closed steady, although slightly down from new "highs" established at mid-afternoon. On-balance gains generally ranged from £3.50 to £9.00 per tonne.

But spot Sept closed £1.00 lower, partly due, trade sources said, to the previously-reported origin sales. This, they added, appeared to alleviate some of the recent technical tightness of nearby cocoa. Profit-taking was also mentioned.

Sept, £665.0-70.0 per metric ton; New Dec, £607.0-08.0; March, £593.0-94.0; May, £583.0-85.0; July, £581.0-81.5; Sept, £580.0-82.0; Dec, £577.0-78.0. Sales: 5,074 lots, including one option. ICO prices, daily, 53.38c, 15-day average, 52.04c. 22-day, 51.49c (U.S. cents per lb).

SUGAR: Terminal closed quiet, £4.85 to £3.50 down on Monday's close. London daily prices—unchanged since last Wednesday—were: "raws", £176; "whites", £190.—Oct, £177.30-77.50 per long ton; Dec, £174.40-74.50; March, £171.40-71.60; May, £169.80-69.75; Aug, £167.50-68.00; Oct, £166.50-67.50; Dec, £165-67. Sales: 2,889 lots. ISA prices: 15.59c; 17-day average 16.03c.

TEA.—There was less demand yesterday for the 10,186 packages of Sri Lanka tea, the London Teabrokers' Association reported. A few bright liquoring descriptions sold at about last rates, but all others were 1p to 3p per kilo lower. The 1,339 packages from South India met strong competition at fully firm to dearer rates.

SOYABEAN MEAL closed barely steady.—Oct, £86.30-87.00 per metric ton; Dec, £88.40-88.60; Feb, £89.80-90.00; April, £90.70-90.90; June, £91.70-92.00; Aug, £92.60-93.20; Oct, £93.20-94.00. Sales: 75 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Imported grain remained featureless yesterday, with marginal price movements and minimal trade.

WHEAT.—US dark northern spring number two 14% mid-Sept/mid-Oct, £106.50; Oct, £106.48; Nov £107.70 trans-shipment east coast. EEC feed Sept, £63.25; Oct, £64.25; Nov, £65.50 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE No 3 Yellow American—French Sept, £67.75; Oct, £68.25; Nov, £68.50; Dec, £69.00 trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY.—EEC feed, Sept, £61.50; Oct, £63.50; Nov, £67.50 trans-shipment east coast. All a long ton CIF UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was steady.—Nov, £63.15; Jan, £65.30; March, £66.90; May, £68.40. WHEAT was steady.—Nov, £64.15; Jan, £66.25; March, £68; May, £69.65.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	SOFT MILLING WHEAT	FEED WHEAT	FEED BARLEY
Gloucester	£62.65	£60.60	£60.35
Humberside	£62.85	£60.25	£59.25

The UK monetary coefficient for the week beginning Monday, September 29, based on HGCA calculations, is expected to decrease to 1.091.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF.—Scotch killed sides, 31.0-34.0p per lb; English hindquarters, 37.5-40.0p; Eire hindquarters, 38.0-40.0p; Eire forequarters, 24.0-25.5p.

VEAL.—English fats, 38.0-44.0p; English bobbies, 12.0-14.0p; Scotch bobbies, 11.0-13.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 70.0-73.5p; *Dutch hinds and ends, 75.0p.

LAMB.—English smalls, 26.0-34.0p; *English smalls, 36.0p; English medium, 28.0-31.0p; English heavy, 25.0-29.0p; Scotch medium, 28.0-30.0p; Scotch heavy, 25.0-29.5p; Scotch Hill, 26.0-31.0p.

Imported frozen: New Zealand PL's, 30.5-31.5p; 2's, 29.0-29.5p; 8's, 27.0-28.0p; YL's, 28.0-28.5p; YM's, 28.0-28.5p.

EWES.—11.0-12.0p.

PORK.—English, under 100lbs, 32.0-38.0p; English, 100-120lbs, 32.0-37.0p; English, 120-160lbs, 31.0-36.0p; English, 160-180lbs, 30.0-33.0p; English, 180lbs and over, 25.0-28.0p.

*Special quotations—very high quality produce in limited supply.

MEAT COMMISSION.—Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 23:

UK.—Cattle, £18.54 per live cwt (-0.17). Sheep, 31.1p per lb EDCW (-0.2). Pigs, £4.87 per SC LW (-0.04).

ENGLAND AND WALES.—Cattle numbers down 5.0 per cent, average price £18.70 (-0.07). Sheep numbers up 1.8 per cent; average price 31.3p (-0.3). Pig numbers up 16.3 per cent, average price £4.85 (-0.06).

SCOTLAND.—Cattle numbers down 6.9 per cent, average price £19.09 (+0.27). Sheep numbers down 15.8 per cent, average price 30.5p (+0.1). Pig numbers up 22.3 per cent, average price £5.17 (+0.17).

EGGS.—Home-produced: Supplies of large and standards are plentiful to meet a steady demand. Mediums and smalls are falling short of current requirements.

Imported: Home buyers have shown interest in EEC supplies, with particular interest in middle and small grades.

Home-produced market prices (in £, based on trading packer/first-hand):

White	Wed/Thur/Fri	Mon/Tue
large	£3.20 to 3.45	£3.15 to 3.45
standard	£2.90 to 3.10	£2.90 to 3.20
medium	£2.40 to 2.60	£2.45 to 2.60
small	£2.00 to 2.05	£2.00 to 2.25
Brown		
large	£3.90 to 4.10	£3.80 to 4.00
standard	£3.05 to 3.20	£3.10 to 3.30

Imported prices (in £) Current Arrivals (September 22-27): French 1's £4.05; 2's £3.80 to 3.90; 3's £3.50. Dutch brown 2's £3.70 to 3.80; 3's £3.45; 4's £2.95 to 3.00; 5's £2.50. Dutch white 2's £2.90; 4's £2.50 to 2.85; 5's £2.30 to 2.40; 6's £2.00 to 2.15.

Note: All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	101¼	102¼
Africaso 8¾ 1988	78	81
Ashland 8 1987	83½	84½
BICC 7¾ 1987	64	67
Bristol 8¼ 1979	90	93
Brit Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	79	82
Burlington 7¾ 1987	83¼	84¼
Carrier 8 1987	83	84
Chevron 7 1980	95¼	97
Conoco 7 1980	96¼	98
Conoco 8 1986	92¼	93¼
Cons Food 7¼ 1991	80	81
Coventry 8¼ 1981	90	92
Coventry 9¼ 1980	87¼	89¼
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	88	89
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	100¼	101¼
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	85¼	86¼
Dana 8 1987	85	86
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	79¼	80¼
Denmark Mige Bank 7¾ 1991	78¼	79¼
Dundee 9¼ 1985	91	93
Escom 9¼ 1989	88	90
Escom Floating Rate 1982	97¼	98¼
First Chicago 7 1980	92¼	93¼
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	82	86
GATX 8¼ 1987	82¼	83¼
Guardian Royal 8 1987	69	72
Hambros 7¾ 1987	74	77
ICI 7¼ 1992	78	81
Internat Util 8¾ 1982	90	91
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	67	70
Manchester 8¾ 1981	87	89
Mexico 8¾ 1991	79	80
Michelin 7¾ 1988	80	81
Mitsubishi 9 1989	95	97
Motorola 8 1987	88	89
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	72	76
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	79	83
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	100¼	101¼
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987	85¼	86¼
Occidental 7¼ 1984	84	86
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	85	86
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	100	101
Pennwalt 8 1987	87	88
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	86	87
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	84¼	85¼
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	94	95
Shell 7¼ 1987	87¼	88¼
Singer 11 1977	101¼	102¼
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	103	104
Slough 8 1988	60	64
South Africa 8 1987	83	85
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	99	100
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	94¼	95¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1986	95	96
Sybron 8 1987	86	87
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	80	81
Textron 7¾ 1987	80	81
Transocean Gulf 7¼ 1987	80¼	87¼
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	94¼	96
Union Oil 7¼ 1987	80¼	87¼
Venezuela 8¾ 1987	95	97
Volvo 8 1987	83¼	84¼
Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987	74	77
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981	105¼	106¼
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968/83	78¼	79¼
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	85¼	86¼
Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1989	101¼	102¼
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	73¼	74¼
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	88¼	89¼
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	91¼	92¼
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	106	107
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	91	92
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	106¼	107¼
Suedafrica (DM) 8¼ 1970/85	94¼	96¼
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	91¼	92¼
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	60	62
American Express 4¼ 1987	78	80
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	83¼	85¼
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	96	98
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	87	89
Borden 5 1992	83	85
Borden 6¾ 1991	95	97
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	64¼	66¼
Carnation 4 1987	82	84
Chevron 5 1992	95	97
Cummins 6¾ 1986	82	84
Dart 4¾ 1987	77	79
Eastman Kodak 4¾ 1988	107	109
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	68	70
Eaton 5 1987	68	70
Ford 5 1988	78	80
Ford 6 1986	80	82
Gillette 4¾ 1987	70	72
Gould 5 1987	80	82
General Electric 4¼ 1987	82	84
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	121	123
Harris 5 1987	64	66
Honeywell 6 1986	71	73
ITT 4½ 1987	67	69
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	136	138
J. P. Morgan 3¾ 1987	102	104
Nabisco 5½ 1988	84	86
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987	86¼	88¼
J. C. Penney 4¾ 1987	74	76
Revlon 4¾ 1987	92¼	94¼
Rank Org 4¾ 1993	38	40
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	92	94
Squibb 4¾ 1987	78	80
Texaco 4¾ 1988	71	73
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	102	104
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	82	84
Xerox Corp 5 1988	69	71

DM = Deutschmark issue. Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

BARCLAYS LEASING IN AMSTERDAM

Barclays Export and Finance Company (BEAFCO), the leasing, industrial hire purchase and factoring arms of the Barclay's group, announce the formation of Barclays Leasing by an overseas leasing company located in Amsterdam. The new Dutch company is owned by BEAFCO and Barclays Bank International.

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74/75 Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
35	Armitage & Rhodes	36	—	3.0	8.3	4.0
94	Deborah Services	98	—	7.5	7.7	5.2
90	Henry Sykes	127	+1	4.9	3.9	8.5
24	Twinlock Ord	24	−1	0.9	3.8	5.9
45	Twinlock 12% ULS	65	—	12.0	18.5	—
48	Unilock Holdings	60	—	4.5	7.5	11.6

Foreign Exchange

Central banks in at least six European financial centres started to support their currencies against the dollar yesterday, in what some foreign exchange quarters regarded as concerted intervention to brake the United States currency's continued strong advance.

Central banks in West Germany, France, Holland, Britain, Belgium and Italy reportedly intervened in markets.

The most severe pressure centred on sterling, which fell by over 3¼ cents to a new "low" of $2.0350 against the dollar at one stage.

The pound, however, partially rallied to close at $2.0450 against the dollar, reportedly helped by Bank of England intervention. Its net fall was 265 points on the day.

Its "effective depreciation" rate rose to 28.2 per cent from 27.5 per cent overnight, as the pound displayed widespread losses against most European currencies.

The intervention in Europe was in response to a growing movement of funds into the dollar, with increasing sums of speculative money being generated in the main centres, dealers said. Trading was becoming increasingly disrupted by sharp currency fluctuations, particularly in London, they added.

Gold fell $6 an ounce, to close at $129.75.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) September 23	Market rates (close) September 23
New York	$2.0350-0710	$2.0445-0455
Montreal	$2.0780-1165	$2.0890-0900
Amsterdam	5.61-67fl	5.63½-63½fl
Brussels	83.30-83.20f	83.30-50f
Copenhagen	12.67-60k	12.69-70k
Frankfurt	5.46-52m	5.46-47m
Lisbon	56.00-80e	56.10-30e
Madrid	122.30-123.90p	122.80-80p
Milan	1410-35lr	1411-13lr
Oslo	11.89-84k	11.72-73k
Paris	9.35-45f	9.35½-36½f
Stockholm	9.27-37k	9.28-29k
Tokyo	615-30y	618-21y
Vienna	38.40-39.00sch	38.50-70sch
Zurich	5.36-47f	5.38½-39½f

(Effective depreciation since December 21 1971, up to 28.2 per cent.)

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.75-.65c prem	1.95-1.85c prem
Montreal	.45-.35c prem	1.15-1.05c prem
Amsterdam	4¼-3¼c prem	11-10c prem
Brussels	40-20c prem	110-80c prem
Copenhagen	6-3ore prem	17-14ore prem
Frankfurt	3½-2½pf prem	10½-8½pf prem
Lisbon	25c prem-50c disc	40c prem-70c disc
Milan	1lr prem-3lr disc	Par-3lr disc
Oslo	8½-6½ore prem	21-18ore prem
Paris	3-1c prem	8½-6½c prem
Stockholm	3-1ore prem	7½-5½ore prem
Vienna	35-10gro prem	70-40gro prem
Zurich	3¼-2¼c prem	11¼-10¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), 30.9783-88.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6-6½; seven days, 6¼-6¾; one month, 6½-7; three months, 7¼-7¾; six months, 8¼-8½.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $128.75 (an ounce); pm, $128.75.

Krugerrand: (per coin): $132.50-134.50 (£64.75-65.75) (domestic); $134.00-136.00 (£65.50-66.50) (international).

Sovereigns: (old), $38.50-39.50 (£18.75-19.25); new, $40.00-41.00 (£19.50-20.00) (international).

Discount market

Day-to-day credit finally showed to be in shortage in the discount market yesterday after early estimates of a "flat" position. The Bank of England eventually intervened to lend a moderate sum overnight to six or seven houses at the Minimum Lending Rate of 11 per cent, a move described by the authorities as "purely technical". Underlying factors suggested the help may have been slightly underdone.

Factors against the market included the need for settlement of the small official sales of gilts made on Monday.

...y moved quite steadily early on at rates of about 9¾ or 9⅞ per cent. Although rates did pick up later in the afternoon in the rather patchy conditions final balances were usually taken at 9¾ or 9⅞ per cent after the authorities' programme of assistance.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11% (Last changed 25/7/75)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%

Discount Mkt Loans%: Overnight: Open 11, Close 9¾; Week Fixed: 10-10¼

Treasury Bills (Dis%)			
Buying		Selling	
2 months	10⅝	2 months	10⅝
3 months	10⅝	3 months	10⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%)		Trades (Dis%)	
2 months	10⅝-10¾	3 months	11
3 months	10⅝-10¾	4 months	11¼
4 months	10¾-10⅞	6 months	11½
6 months	10⅞-11		

Local Authority Bonds			
1 month	10½-10	7 months	11-10¾
2 months	10¾-10½	8 months	11-10¾
3 months	10¾-10½	9 months	11¼-10¾
4 months	10⅞-10¾	10 months	11¼-10¾
5 months	11-10¾	11 months	11¼-10¾
6 months	11-10¾	12 months	11½-11

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)			
1 month	10¼-10¾	6 months	10⅞-10¾
3 months	10⅝-10½	12 months	11½-11

Local Authority Market (%)			
2 days	10	3 months	10½
7 days	10¼	6 months	10¾
1 month	10¼	1 year	11¼

Interbank Market (%)			
Overnight: Open 10-8¾		Close 9¾	
1 week	10½-10	6 months	10⅞-10¾
1 month	10¾-10½	9 months	10⅞-10¾
3 months	10⅝-10½	12 months	11¼-11

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%): 3 months 11; 6 months 11¼

Finance House Base Rate 10½%

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Barnet 13⅝% 1980 (£100)	£50¼
Do 14% 1984-85 (£100)	£51¼-¼
Bristol Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£)	£98
Corn Exchange 10p Ord	154
Derby 13⅛% 1982 (£30)	£45¼
Estates Hse Inv 25p Ord	246-16
Haslemere Est 9⅛% Cnv (£100)	£29 prem
Islington 13½% 1980 (£100)	£10¼
Do 14½% 85-86 (£100)	£9¾
Land Secs 10% Cnv (£100)	£57-2
Liverpool 13½% 1981 (£98)	£10¼
Newcastle Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£99)	£99
Norcross 15¼% Db 99-03 (£98)	£27
York Wtr 9% Pf 1980 (£b)	£11

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Euro Ferries (25¼)	Nov 14	25½ prem-3
Ladbroke (10¼)	Nov 4	35 prem-4
Norcros (41¼)	Nov 14	18 prem-2

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. ¶ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £16 paid. c £65 paid. f £50 paid. g £80 paid. h £25 paid. i £49 paid.

Wall Street

New York, Sept 23.—On the New York Stock Exchange today shares were moderately lower and generally little changed from earlier levels.

But turnover was light, indicating that many investors had moved to the sidelines pending the start of oil-price negotiations by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna tomorrow. By noon, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was 2.27 points lower at 818.13.

Gold mining shares lost fractions in most instances.

Yesterday, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 9.39 points to 820.40. It had risen a total of 30.74 points in the two previous sessions.

Declining issues led gainers by about 790 to 595. Volume totalled 14,750,000 shares compared with 20,830,000 on Friday.

US gold $5.00 down

New York, Sept 23.—GOLD futures reversed small opening gains to close sharply lower in active trading. Bullion sources said the metal's late decline in European trading sparked off further heavy selling in New York and Chicago, and most contracts were at, or close to, the day's lows by the end of the session. They said South Africa's devaluation of the rand, which was tied to gold's recent weakness and the continued strength of the dollar were other factors contributing to the decline. The New York Comex fell by $5.50 to $4.00 and the Chicago IMM dropped by $5.40 to $5.00. Estimated sales totalled 2,250 contracts on the Comex and 2,847 on the IMM. NY COMEX.—Sept, $132.90; Oct, $133.10; Nov, $134.00; Dec, $134.60; Feb, $137.00; April, $139.20; June, $141.30; Aug, $143.50; Oct, $145.70; Dec, $147.90. CHICAGO IMM.—Sept, $132.00; Dec, $133.90-134.40; March, $137.70-137.40; June, $141.40; Sept, $145.00; Dec, $149.50.

SILVER.—Comex futures rebounded from mid-afternoon losses of more than 10.00c to finish 4.40c to 5.20c down. Sept, 441.60c; Oct, 441.80c; Nov, 445.40c; Dec, 450.00c; Jan, 455.10c; March, 461.50c; May, 469.90c; July, 478.00c; Sept, 486.50c; Dec, 498.40c; Jan, 502.50c. Handy & Harman 440.50c (previous 455.00c). Handy & Harman of Canada, Canadian$4.61 ($4.66).

COPPER.—Steady; 1,050 sales. Sept, 55.80c; Oct, 55.90c; Nov, 56.40c; Dec, 56.90c; Jan, 57.50c; March, 58.80c; May, 60.10c; July, 61.30c; Sept, 62.50c.

SUGAR.—World futures closed up 0.04c to off 0.08c. Spot 15.70c unchanged: Oct, 15.74-15.77c; Jan, 15.78c nominal; March, 15.21-15.15c; May, 15.01-15.05c; July, 11.87c; Sept, 14.77c nominal; Oct, 14.65-11.70c.

COCOA.—Futures closed strong at the 2.00c limit. An estimated 19c buy orders were unfilled. Dec, 51.70c; March, 51.20c; May, 50.30c; July, 49.80c; Sept, 49.30c; Dec, 48.70c. Spots: Ghana unquoted; Bahia 62 nominal.

COFFEE.—Futures finished 0.50c higher to 0.80c lower. Turnover was 292 contracts. Sept, 81.00-82.00c; Nov, 82.10-83.10c; Dec, 82.85-82.95c; March, 82.45c; May, 83.75-83.05c; July, 83.50-83.75c; Sept, 84.00c.

COTTON.—Futures soared to the 2.00c limit gain. Volume was estimated at 4,250 contracts. Oct, 55.65c; Dec, 56.68c; March, 57.64c; May, 58.10c; July, 58.65c; Oct, 58.95c; Dec, 59.20c; March, 59.30c.

WOOL.—Grease wool futures were 0.1c to 0.5c down. There were no sales. Crossbred finished 0.1c higher to 0.5c lower on two sales. GREASE WOOL.—Spot 153.0c nominal; Oct, 150.0-159.5c; Dec, 148.0-155.0c; March, 145.0-153.0c; May, 148.0-152.0c; July, 145.0-153.5c; Oct, 141.0c; Dec, 139.0c. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 81.0c nominal; Oct, 80.0-85.0c; Dec, 77.0-86.0c; March, 76.0-84.0c; May, 76.0-85.0c; July, 76.0c; Oct, 75.0c; Dec, 71.0c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Soyabeans fell the 20c daily limit. Oil was down 0.45c to 0.85c and meal lost $2.20 to $5.00.—SOYABEANS.—Nov, 576-574c; Jan, 585¼-584c; March, 593c; May, 599c; July, 604-605c; Aug 603½c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Oct $141.30; Dec, $143.50-143.00; Jan $146.00; March, $148.50. SOYABEAN OIL.—Oct, 23.50-23.80c; Dec, 23.15-23.10c; Jan, 22.90-23.05c; March 22.80-22.85c; May, 22.60c; July, 22.50-22.60c; Aug, 22.50c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed barely steady 3¼c to 4½c lower. Dec, 433-432c; March, 447-446c; May, 447½-448c; July, 429-428c. MAIZE closed easy 1¼c to 4c lower. Dec, 317c; March, 315-312½c; May, 315c; July, 315-314c. OATS closed easy 3¼c to 4c lower. Dec, 157c; March, 157¼c; May, 158½c; July, 158½c nominal.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.0724 ($2.0802); three months, $2.0550 ($2.0635); Canadian dollar, 97.75c (97.73c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index rose 1.47 to 316.77. The futures index was up 0.57 at 300.61.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 820.40 (829.79); transportation, 156.55 (156.85); utilities, 77.01 (77.37); 65 stocks, 246.80 (249.00). New York Stock Exchange index, 45.17 (45.53); industrials, 50.71 (50.85); transportation, 37.73 (37.85); utilities, 30.59 (30.54); financial, 43.20 (43.66).

	Sept 22	Sept 19
Allied Chem.	33	32¼
Allied Stores	32¼	30¼
Allied Supermkt.	2¾	3
Allis Chalmers	10½	10¼
Alcoa	47	47
Amax Inc	51¼	52¼
Amerada Hess	17	17¼
Am. Airlines	7½	7½
Am. Brands	36¼	36¾
Am Broadcast	19	19¼
Am. Can.	29¼	29¼
Am. Cyan.	24¼	24¼
Am. El Power	19¼	19
Am. Home	34¼	34¼
Am. Motors	5¼	5¾
Am. Nat Gas	31¼	31
Am. Standard	13¼	12¼
Am. Tel.	46	45¼
Amf. Inc.	17¼	17¼
Anaconda	17¼	17¼
Armco Steel	26¼	26¼
Asarco	13¼	13¼
Ashland Oil	19¼	20¼
Atl. Richfield	98¼	98¼
Avco	5¼	5¼
Avon Prod	35¼	36¼
Babcock & Wcox	19¼	19¼
Bankers Tst NY	32	32¼
Bank of Am.	35¼h	34¼h
Bank of N.Y.	27¼	27¼
Beat Fds	19¼	19¼
Bell & Howell	17¼	18
Bendix	30¼	30¼
Beth. Steel	37¼	35¼
Boeing	25¼	25¼
Boise Cascade	23¼	24¼
Borden	23¼	23¼
Borg Warner	16¼	16¼
Bristol Myers	56¼	56¼
BP	11¼	11¼
Budd	8	7¼
Burl. Ind.	24¼	24¼
Burlington Nthn	29¼	30¼
Burroughs	88¼	89
Campbell Soup	30¼	30¼
Canadian Pac.	13¼	13¼
Caterpillar	66	66¼
Celanese	39¼	39¼
Central Soya	13¼	13¼
Charter NY	21¼	21¼
Chase Manhat	29¼	29
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	31¼	30¼
Chesapeake Ohio	32¼	32¼
Chrysler	10¼	10¼
Citicorp	[illegible]	29¼
Cities Serv.	47¼	47¼
Clark Equip	27	26¼
Coca Cola	75¼	75
Colgate	26¼	26¼
CBS	47¼	47¼
Columbia Gas	23	22¼
Comb Eng	43¼	43¼
Comw. Edison	26¼	26¼
Con. Edison	12¼	12¼
Cons Foods	15¼	15¼
Cons Power	16¼	16¼
Cont'l Can.	27¼	28
Cont. Oil	64¼	66¼
Control Data	16¼	16¼
Corning Glass	36¼	36¼
CPC Intnl.	41¼	41¼
Crane	44¼	45¼
Crocker Int	29¼	29¼
Crown Zeller	39¼	39¼
Dart Ind.	24¼	24¼
Deere	46¼	46¼
Del Monte	23¼	23¼
Delta Air	31¼	31¼
Detroit Edison	12¼	12¼
Disney	44¼	45¼
Dow Chem.	90¼	91¼
Dresser Ind.	67¼	67
Duke Power	16¼	16¼
Du Pont	117¼	119¼
Eastern Air	4¼	4¼
East Kodak	90¼	92¼
Eaton Corp.	27¼	27¼
El Paso G.	11¼	11¼
Equitable Life	16	15¼
Esmark	37¼	37
Evans P. D.	4¼	5
Exxon Corp	89¼	89¼
Fed. D. Strs.	45¼	45¼
Firestone	19¼	19¼
Fst. Chicago	20¼	20¼
Fst. Nt. Boston	22¼	23
Fst. Penn Corp	15¼	15¼

	Sept 22	Sept 19
Ford	36¼	36¼
G A F. Corp.	9¼	10¼
Gamble-Skogmo	21¼	21¼
Gen. Dynam	45¼	45¼
Gen. Electric	45¼	44¼
Gen Foods	22¼	22¼
Gen. Instr.	9¼	9¼
Gen. Mills	51¼	51¼
Gen. Motors	56¼	56¼
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	14¼	14¼
Gen. Tel. El.	21¼	21¼
Gen. Tire	16	16
Genesco	4¼	4¼
Georgia Pac	41¼	42
Getty Oil	138¼	139¼
Gillette	29¼	29¼
Goodrich	16¼	16¼
Goodyear	19¼	19¼
Gould Inc.	23	23¼
Grace	25¼	25¼
Grant W.T.	3	3
Gt. At. & Pac	12¼	13
Greyhound	12¼	12¼
Grumman Cp.	14¼	14¼
Gulf Oil	20¼	21¼
Gulf Wn Ind	20¼	20¼
Heinz. H. J.	47¼	47¼
Hercules	27¼	28¼
Honeywell	29¼	29¼
IC Inds	14¼	14
Ingersoll	71¼	70¼
Inland Steel	44	44¼
I.B.M.	189¼	189¼
Int. Harv.	22	23¼
Int. Nickel	24¼	25¼
Int. Paper	56¼	57¼
Int. Tel. Tel.	19¼	20
Jewel Co	18¼	17¼
Jim Walter	31	30¼
Johns Manv	20¼	20¼
Johnson & John	82¼	84¼
Kaiser Alum.	28	28¼
Kennecott	33¼	33¼
Kerr McGee	64¼	64¼
Kimb. Clk.	29	29
Kraftco Cp.	37¼	38¼
Kresge S.S.	29¼	29¼
Kroger	19¼	19¼
Lig. Myer	25¼	25¼
LTV.	14¼	14¼
Litton	7¼	7¼
Lockheed	7¼	7¼
Lucky Stores	14¼	14¼
Manuf Hanover	29¼	29¼
Mapco	47¼	47¼
Marathon Oil	48¼	49¼
Marcor Inc	24¼	24¼
Marine Mid.	17	17¼
Martin Mar	15	15¼
McDonnell	15	15¼
Mead	17¼	17¼
Merck	66¼	70¼
Minn. Mm.	52¼	53¼
Mobil Oil	43¼	43¼
Monsanto	71¼	71¼
Morgan, J. P.	51	52¼
Motorola	43	44¼
NCR Corp	27¼	26¼
NL Ind	12¼	12¼
Nat. Bisc.	34	33¼
Nat Distill.	15	15
Nat Steel	41	41¼
Norfolk West	62¼	63¼
NW Bancor	26¼	26¼
Norton Simon	16¼	16¼
Occ. Pet.	17¼	16¼
Ogden	16¼	16¼
Olin Corp.	25¼	25¼
Otis Elev.	29¼	29¼
Owens Ill	49¼	49¼
Pac. Gas El.	19¼	19¼
Pan Am	4¼	4¼
Penn Cent	1¼	1¼
Penney J. C.	47¼	46
Pennzoil	19¼	20¼
Pepsico	59¼	58¼
Pet Corp	26¼	26¼
Pfizer	25¼	25¼
Phelps Dod.	34¼	35¼
Philip Mor.	45¼	46¼
Phill Pet.	50¼	50¼
Polaroid	34¼	34¼
P.P.G. Ind	26	26¼
Proc. Gamble	85¼	85
Pub Ser El & Gas	15¼	15¼
Pullman	30¼	31¼
Rapid American	6¼	6¼

	Sept 22	Sept 19
Raytheon	53	53¼
RCA Corp	17¼	17¼
Repub. Steel	26¼	26¼
Reynolds Ind	58¼	58¼
Reynolds Metal	28¼	28¼
Rockwell Int	22¼	22¼
Royal Dutch	36	36¼
Safeways	47	46¼
St Regis	30¼	31¼
Santa Fe Ind	27¼	27¼
SCM	15¼	15¼
Schlumbgr.	74¼	74¼
Scott Paper	15¼	15¼
Seaboard Coast	25¼	25¼
Seagram	25¼	25¼
Sears Roe.	61¼	62¼
Shell Oil	53¼	53¼
Shell Trans.	20	20
Signal Co	16¼	16¼
Singer	11¼	12
Sony	5¼	5¼
Sth Cal Edison	18¼	18¼
Southern Pac.	27¼	28¼
Southern Rlv.	45¼	44¼
Sperry Rand	39¼	38¼
Squibb	32¼	32¼
Std Brands	56	56¼
Std. Oil Cal.	29¼	30¼
Std Oil Ind	47¼	48¼
Std. Oil Ohio	72¼	72¼
Sterling Drug	16	16¼
Stevens J.P.	15	14¼
Stude Worth	32¼	32¼
Sunbeam Cp.	17¼	17¼
Sundstrand	17	17¼
Sun Oil	32	31¼
Teledyne	20¼	20¼
Tenneco	24¼	24¼
Texaco	22¼	23¼
Texas East Trans	30	30¼
Texas Inst	80¼	80¼
Texas Utilities	17¼	17¼
Textron	20	20¼
T.W.A.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Travelers Cp.	19¼	19¼
T.R.W. Inc.	21¼	21¼
UAL Inc	22¼	22¼
Unilever Ltd.	31	31
Unilever N.V.	32	32¼
Uniroyal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Bancorp	6¼	6¼
Union Carb.	55	55
Un. Oil Cal	40¼	40¼
Un. Pacific Corp.	67¼	68¼
Uniroyal	6¼	6¼
United Brands	5¼	5¼
Utd Merch & Man	11¼	11
US Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
U.S. Steel	57¼	57¼
Utd Technol	54	54¼
Wachovia	12¼	12¼
Warner Comm	17¼	17¼
Warner Lambert	29¼	29¼
Wells Fargo	19	19¼
West'n Bancorp	19¼	19¼
Westgh El	14¼	14¼
Weyerhaeuser	37¼	37¼
Whirlpool	20¼	20¼
White Motor	9¼	9¼
Woolworth	15	16¼
Xerox Cp.	55¼	57
Zenith	22¼	21¼

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	9¼	9¼
Alcan	23¼	23¼
Alg. Steel	26¼	26¼
Asbestos	21	21¼
Bell Tel	41¼	41¼
Can. Sup Oil	73¼	75
Can. Inv Fd.	4.94	4.95
Cominco	27	27¼
Cons. Bat	27¼	27¼
Falconbridge	30	30¼
Gulf Oil	21¼	21¼
Hawker Can	6.50	6.50
Hud. Bay Mm	14¼	14¼
Hud. Bay Oil	27¼	27¼
IAC Ltd.	17¼	17¼
Imasco	27¼	27¼
Imp Oil	17¼	17¼
Int Pipe	17¼	17¼
Mass.-Ferguson	19¼	19¼
Power Cp	7¼	7¼
Price Bros	16¼	16¼
Royal Trust	22¼	22¼
Seagram	28¼	28¼
Steel Co.	29¼	29¼
Tex Can.	27¼	27¼
Trans. Mnt. Oil	7¼	7¼
Walker H.	33¼	33¼
W.C.T.	21	21

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd. Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 5775			
32.1	20.6	Giants	29.0	30.8	4.00
30.8	21.7	Do Accum	31.3	33.2	4.00
36.8	18.2	Growth	26.1	27.9	4.50
32.2	19.0	Do Accum	28.4	30.2	4.50
30.7	20.7	Income	27.7	29.9	8.20
33.3	23.4	Do Accum	31.7	33.9	8.20
22.9	15.6	East & Int Acc	18.1	19.1	2.70
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
31.3	10.8	Abbey Capital	20.8	22.1	4.21
35.1	19.2	Abbey General	32.1	34.1	4.12
24.5	11.0	Do Income	24.1	25.6	5.60
29.9	13.4	Do Invest	24.7	26.2	3.80
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd. 14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
60.3	33.1	Albon Trust	53.7	57.7	3.39
48.1	24.3	Do Income	44.1	47.4	6.14
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
52.4	30.1	Allied Capital	50.5	54.0	4.91
39.9	21.4	Do 1st	48.3	50.2	5.66
48.5	29.0	Brit Ind 2nd	46.7	49.9	6.01
27.8	16.2	Growth & Inc	26.5	28.3	5.90
24.8	14.5	Elec & Ind Dev	22.5	24.0	3.94
38.9	24.3	Met Min & Cmdty	33.7	36.1	5.79
46.5	29.1	High Income	42.4	45.3	7.54
27.8	16.4	Equity Income	27.2	29.0	7.17
23.8	14.1	International	19.9	21.3	2.44
39.0	25.0	HighYieldFnd	36.9	39.4	10.05
79.8	43.5	Hambro Fnd	76.4	81.4	5.46
38.7	22.7	Do Income	36.3	38.8	7.28
81.5	44.3	Do Recovery	80.8	86.3	7.57
19.1	10.1	Do Smaller	16.2	17.3	7.33
29.7	17.3	Do Accum	28.1	30.1	7.33
21.7	13.6	2nd Smaller	20.0	21.4	7.79
44.4	30.4	Secs of America	39.0	41.7	3.28
126.2	89.5	Exempt Fnd	120.0	128.2	6.43
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd. 252/6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5521			
31.6	26.0	UnicornAmer	27.4	29.3	1.92
58.4	35.7	Aust Income	47.0	50.8	2.68
79.6	42.2	Do Accum	56.9	61.5	2.68
55.6	27.6	Unicorn Capital	50.2	53.7	4.59
84.5	30.2	Exempt	84.0	88.7	6.29
19.6	11.1	Extra Income	19.2	20.4	8.77
50.9	22.4	Financial	46.8	50.1	4.21
49.3	25.4	Unicorn'500'	43.9	47.0	4.74
24.1	12.0	General	22.2	24.0	6.31
29.7	14.9	Growth Accum	27.9	29.8	4.48
55.4	30.8	Income	52.2	55.5	7.15
28.2	14.9	Recovery	24.5	26.2	4.87
85.3	44.7	Trustee	79.5	84.8	6.20
46.8	32.4	Worldwide	41.0	43.9	3.14
140.0	96.7	B'ist Inv Fnd	133.3	137.4	5.56
143.0	97.2	Do Accum	136.2	140.4	5.56
		Brandts Ltd. 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
113.0	85.0	Brandts Cap (4)	97.0	104.0	2.20
123.0	91.8	Do Accum (4)	106.0	114.0	2.15
110.0	75.0	Brandts Inc (4)	100.0	107.0	8.20
		Bridge Tallaman Fund Manager Ltd. 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
188.0	76.0	B.T. Income (2)	168.0	179.0	8.47
28.0	16.0	Do Cap Inc (2)	25.0	26.7	2.30
28.3	16.0	Do Cap Acc (2)	25.3	27.0	2.30
88.0	51.0	Do Exempt (2)	78.0	84.0	6.37
20.6	9.3	Do Int Inc (3)	12.4	13.2	4.96
20.6	9.3	Do Int Acc	12.5	13.3	4.96
		The British Life. Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
41.4	22.1	British Life	39.0	40.7	5.40
30.8	17.7	Balanced (2)	30.8	32.8	5.87
31.9	18.1	Cap Accum (2)	30.9	32.7	4.35
34.9	19.9	Dividend (2)	28.1	29.8	8.18
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers. Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
158.0	105.1	Brn Ship Inc (1)	150.2	155.2	6.40
179.6	116.9	Do Accum (1)	173.8	178.8	6.40
		Canada Life Assurance 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
28.0	15.9	Canlife Gen	27.1	28.5	4.46
31.1	17.1	Do Accum	30.6	32.2	4.46
25.5	17.7	Income Dist	28.1	29.4	8.22
38.4	19.1	Do Accum	27.9	29.4	8.22
		Capel (James) Management Ltd. 100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ 01-588 6010			
57.8	48.5	Capital Fnd	57.5	59.8	4.80
51.9	48.5	Income Fnd	51.9	53.6	7.47
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd. Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
61.7	34.5	Carliol (8)	53.1	55.6	3.90
67.7	37.4	Do Accum	58.3	60.8	3.90
35.5	24.9	Do High Yld	25.5	27.5	9.90
		Charities Official Investment. 77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
116.5	59.3	Inc* (24)	96.6	..	7.37
180.5	79.5	Accum* (24)	148.4	..	4.88
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd. 1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
20.6	12.2	Int (3)	19.0	19.2	2.50
22.6	13.6	Accum (3)	21.2	21.2	2.50
31.0	20.2	Inc (3)	28.4	29.2	9.68
27.0	18.4	Euro Fin (3)	24.4	26.0	2.48
27.8	13.0	Fund Inv (3)	22.4	24.0	3.74
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931			
25.6	8.9	Growth Fnd	18.5	19.6	4.67
39.9	23.9	International	34.7	37.2	2.97
31.1	15.7	Reserves Fnd	28.8	31.7	4.51
36.4	18.0	High Dist	35.8	38.4	8.89
		Drayton Group. (See Midland Bank)			
		Equitas Securities Ltd. 41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 02774 52189			
53.4	28.6	Progressive	47.4	49.9	4.06
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd. Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32815			
47.9	29.2	Equity & Law	44.9	47.2	4.75
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd. Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6971			
51.0	26.4	Capital	47.9	49.8	3.21
46.8	24.0	Income	46.0	48.9	8.80
		Friend's Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
27.8	12.9	Friends Prov	26.8	28.6	4.44
32.1	14.6	Do Accum	31.0	33.1	4.44
		Funds in Court. Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
85.0	46.0	Capital*	76.0	77.0	3.59
65.0	40.0	Gross Income*	58.0	61.0	8.20
72.0	43.0	High Yield*	64.0	68.0	9.28
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
25.6	13.6	G & A	22.7	24.3	5.38
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd. 16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 9461 Ext 13			
63.8	26.0	GT Cap	52.6	56.1	4.70
71.8	38.8	Do Accum	60.0	63.8	4.70
103.2	72.2	Do Income	93.8	99.7	10.00
149.6	94.6	Do US Gen Fnd	124.7	132.6	1.00
160.0	94.6	Do Japan Gen	149.3	156.8	1.00
100.3	95.9	Do Pension Ex	99.0	103.8	3.00
		Gartmore Fund Managers. 2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
34.7	22.7	Gartmore Brit	31.4	33.8	4.26
30.1	22.1	Do High Inc	30.0	32.3	11.65
25.5	19.8	Do Overseas	22.7	24.4	1.83
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd. Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-681 1081			
67.0	31.5	Guardhill	63.3	65.5	5.25
		Henderson Administration. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300; 11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED			
48.9	32.5	Aust Trst	35.2	37.1	2.80
64.6	38.3	Cabot	63.0	67.0	4.70
38.1	25.7	European	31.7	33.4	3.89
43.6	25.2	Far East Trst	37.1	39.0	2.18
34.1	21.4	Financial ITU	32.0	33.4	3.94
127.5	80.5	Henderson Gr	94.0	98.3	3.33
37.0	23.0	High Income	34.7	36.5	10.47
24.5	14.6	Inc & Assets	21.0	22.8	6.55
37.6	17.3	International	22.6	24.8	3.62
40.6	26.4	Nth American	33.8	35.6	2.00
34.4	19.6	Oil & Nat Res	33.3	35.9	3.94
61.0	44.3	World Wide	58.4	62.2	6.41

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 45 Beech St, EC2 P2DX. 01-628 8011			
58.9	29.1	Dollar	51.0	54.4	2.07
30.6	19.8	International	27.0	28.9	3.14
117.0	52.6	Brit Trst	113.6	121.6	5.21
117.0	82.6	Brit Guernsey	113.6	121.6	5.39
22.0	9.2	Cap	21.0	22.5	5.68
82.0	36.2	Fin Trst	75.1	80.4	4.26
20.1	8.6	Inc Trst	19.6	21.0	7.03
19.7	10.4	High Yield	19.3	20.7	8.37
40.0	19.1	Secs Trst	37.8	40.5	5.36
		Jascot Securities Ltd. 21 Leven St, Edinburgh, EH3 9LH. 031-226 1421			
25.3	12.5	Compound (1)	19.5	21.0	11.10
26.8	14.1	Do Accum (1)	24.3	26.1	11.10
24.2	12.7	8½% W'draw (1)	20.1	21.6	..
23.9	17.4	Preference	25.1	26.8	13.50
26.4	19.8	Do Accum	25.1	27.0	13.50
18.6	8.9	Cap (2)	13.2	15.4	..
26.3	11.1	Aust. Comp Fnd	11.7	12.5	6.97
25.4	10.6	8% W'draw	10.5	11.3	..
25.7	14.8	Sector Ldrs (3)	19.8	21.3	4.26
15.4	8.3	Fin & Prop (3)	14.0	15.1	4.78
30.5	21.5	Int Growth (4)	25.6	27.5	2.44
25.6	13.1	Nth Sea (3)	17.4	18.7	3.46
37.3	23.5	Commodity (3)	36.5	39.3	7.64
47.4	26.0	Do Accum (3)	46.2	49.7	7.64
38.5	24.1	10¼% W'draw (3)	36.9	39.7	..
		Key Fund Managers. 25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
58.5	31.7	Cap Fund	48.5	51.8	4.21
79.7	48.1	Exempt Fnd (36)	64.3	68.4	9.07
35.8	29.7	Inc Fnd	49.2	53.3	9.10
74.2	41.5	KPIF	56.0	59.3	4.43
		Lawson Securities. 63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
34.0	18.6	American Fnd	20.5	22.3	1.50
34.0	18.6	Do Accum	20.5	22.3	1.50
40.6	27.3	GltWarrant	26.9	28.9	3.19
40.6	27.3	High Yield Fnd	39.3	42.3	13.00
42.9	26.0	Do Accum	39.6	42.6	13.00
75.7	47.5	Scottish Inc	69.3	74.3	3.02
77.7	47.5	Do Accum	70.1	75.1	3.02
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
49.4	23.8	Distribution	40.2	42.8	6.15
49.4	26.2	Do Accum	45.6	48.2	6.15
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers. 71 Lombard St, London, EC3. 01-623 1288			
37.9	18.5	1st Income	36.8	39.5	4.83
47.0	22.6	Do Accum	45.6	49.0	4.83
42.6	20.7	2nd Income	39.9	42.9	3.86
49.7	23.9	Do Accum	46.5	50.0	3.86
66.6	32.5	3rd Income	58.7	63.1	7.06
72.2	37.9	Do Accum	70.0	75.2	7.06
		M & G Securities. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
132.1	76.7	M & G General	122.1	130.4	3.85
178.9	103.9	Do Accum	168.2	178.3	3.85
121.8	74.1	2nd Gen	108.6	116.3	5.61
163.1	96.8	Do Accum	149.0	157.9	5.61
96.6	52.0	Mid & Gen	86.5	92.6	8.14
126.1	72.1	Do Accum	122.7	131.3	8.14
75.3	38.8	Div Fnd	73.8	78.2	9.02
121.1	60.8	Do Accum	118.4	125.5	9.02
101.5	59.2	Special Trst	79.4	84.2	4.69
110.6	65.2	Do Accum	92.4	97.9	4.69
239.0	130.4	Magnum Fnd	162.1	170.2	4.82
282.7	145.2	Do Accum	188.3	197.7	4.82
50.3	25.1	FITS	46.5	49.3	3.84
55.9	29.5	Do Accum	51.9	55.0	3.84
75.0	46.9	Compound	67.0	71.0	3.84
118.0	77.0	Recovery	115.7	122.6	7.48
49.4	24.3	Extra Yield	49.1	52.0	10.51
55.2	26.2	Do Accum	54.7	58.0	10.51
106.9	66.9	Japan	93.5	99.6	1.18
52.8	36.4	Euro & Gen	41.9	44.6	4.48
35.5	18.5	American & Gen	30.1	32.1	2.53
58.1	28.8	Australasian	41.4	44.1	2.58
44.1	20.9	Far East Inc	31.3	33.2	4.32
44.1	21.2	Do Accum	32.0	34.1	4.32
97.3	53.3	Trustee Fnd	92.1	97.8	7.16
158.4	85.2	Do Accum	153.5	161.9	7.16
113.5	58.9	Charifund* (2)	109.4	111.7	7.84
97.1	53.5	Pension* (3)	87.1	91.9	6.11
28.8	19.9	NAACIF	26.8	..	12.14
71.9	47.0	Do Accum	..	..	12.14
47.2	26.6	M&GConv	39.2	41.6	7.55
52.5	33.4	Circle Gen	49.9	52.9	5.97
65.6	36.1	Do Accum	62.3	65.9	5.91
56.3	33.0	Circle High Inc	53.8	57.0	11.07
75.7	43.7	Do Accum	74.5	79.8	11.07
		Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Manager Ltd. Courtwood Hse, Sheffield, S13 RD. 0742 79842			
24.1	13.0	Capital	22.2	23.6	3.49
22.5	22.8	Do Accum	22.2	23.6	3.49
81.5	28.1	Commodity	44.2	47.2	6.76
48.2	47.8	Do Accum	44.2	47.8	6.76
32.1	17.4	Growth	29.7	31.5	3.08
30.5	31.2	Do Accum	29.7	31.6	3.08
35.6	22.4	Income	32.5	34.6	7.16
33.0	33.9	Do Accum	32.5	34.6	7.16
44.7	29.0	International	38.7	43.3	2.87
40.0	41.8	Do Accum	39.7	43.3	2.87
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd. 48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
40.0	20.7	NPI Accum (18)	38.9	40.5	4.60
36.6	18.1	Do Dist (18)	34.3	36.5	4.60
118.4	108.6	Do O'seas Acc	110.5	117.0	3.30
118.4	106.6	Do O'seas Dis	108.8	115.3	3.30
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers. 41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-637 6044			
53.4	30.5	Capital	49.3	52.6	5.19
29.3	14.5	Income	27.1	28.9	6.25
33.1	19.9	Financial	30.6	32.9	4.26
79.5	45.9	Growth	73.3	80.4	4.17
61.3	47.8	Extra Income	56.5	59.9	8.34
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
144.0	118.0	Equity	119.0	126.0	3.19
118.5	77.4	Income Fund	107.4	114.2	6.89
99.3	80.9	International	83.2	88.5	2.23
98.3	76.9	Smaller Co's	85.8	91.2	4.65
		Norwich Union Insurance Group. PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
204.3	95.4	Grp Trt Fnd (3)	192.5	202.6	5.85
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 3-5 Norwich Street, EC4. 01-831 6212			
38.8	24.6	Financial	30.8	32.8	3.93
30.8	12.8	General	17.0	18.1	6.37
36.7	20.8	Growth Accum	28.5	30.3	5.68
38.3	18.9	Do Income	25.4	26.9	5.68
24.4	14.6	High Income	19.4	20.8	8.61
29.2	11.0	Investment	17.8	18.9	4.21
31.4	19.3	Overseas	21.6	23.2	3.35
42.6	27.9	Performance	41.3	44.3	3.08
30.6	13.2	Progressive	18.9	20.1	4.78
21.1	12.8	Recovery	19.7	21.0	6.33
		Pearl Trust Managers Ltd. 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
19.8	10.2	Growth	17.9	19.3	4.46
20.7	10.8	Do Accum	19.4	20.8	4.46
22.9	13.3	Income	22.5	24.3	7.10
28.7	15.1	Trust	26.5	28.5	4.78
33.0	17.8	Do Accum	30.9	33.3	4.78
		Pelican Unit Administration. 81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685			
59.4	30.2	Pelican	52.7	56.3	3.46
		Perpetual Unit Trust Management. 48 Hart St, Henley on Thames. 04912 6868			
94.8	48.5	Perpetual Grth	80.1	86.0	5.10
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 1 Love Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 8744			
31.0	22.7	Inc & Growth	26.2	28.2	3.70
33.8	20.6	Extra Inc	25.8	27.5	10.60
		Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd. 10 Charterhouse Sq, London, EC1. 01-251 0544			
68.3	27.5	Portfolio Cap	36.0	39.3	5.10
73.9	32.2	Growth With Inc	44.1	48.4	7.02
41.8	18.3	Private Port	38.5	40.0	4.48
59.2	33.7	Spenley Port	57.5	63.5	4.00
		Practical Investment Co Ltd. Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8893			
115.1	80.1	Practical Inc	109.5	117.9	3.41
152.7	76.6	Do Accum (3)	140.4	152.4	3.41
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd. 222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533			
62.6	39.0	Prolific	56.0	60.9	3.39
72.1	40.1	Do High Inc	67.1	71.9	8.37

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		Prudential Unit Trust Managers. Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
90.5	46.5	Prudential	86.0	91.0	4.73
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd. Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
38.4	23.6	Opp Accum (3)	37.2	39.3	4.39
		Save & Prosper Group. 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717. Dealings to 01-554 8899. Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351.			
		Ebor Securities.			
54.7	34.8	Universal Grwth	48.7	52.1	2.79
45.0	22.7	Capital Accum	43.9	47.0	4.30
41.9	22.0	General	39.3	42.1	4.76
41.6	21.9	High Return	41.2	44.1	8.20
62.2	41.0	Commodity	56.1	60.0	5.08
54.1	31.6	Energy	50.8	54.4	2.50
35.0	20.3	Financial	30.5	32.6	4.08
42.7	22.7	Prop & Build	39.4	42.2	2.95
68.8	44.1	Select Grwth (9)	75.0	78.4	3.22
76.0	37.5	Select Inc (9)	71.8	75.0	7.50
187.6	133.5	Comm Pen (3)	161.6	172.9	6.31
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
29.6	17.1	Capital	26.6	28.5	2.63
64.3	36.9	Financial Secs	53.4	57.2	2.86
23.2	10.9	Investment	20.1	21.5	3.93
76.0	52.9	Euro Growth‡	67.7	72.5	1.81
69.7	42.3	Japan Growth‡	61.6	65.9	0.97
72.6	43.7	US Growth‡	64.8	69.3	0.75
34.4	18.2	General	32.0	34.3	4.91
41.8	22.7	High Yield	39.5	42.3	8.60
32.6	19.2	Income	32.1	34.4	8.52
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
42.3	22.1	Scotbits	31.1	33.3	4.17
39.5	22.1	Scotyields	38.1	40.8	8.87
43.5	24.6	Scotgrowth	38.5	41.2	4.01
43.4	22.3	Scotshares	38.2	40.9	4.43
219.0	133.5	Scotfunds	193.2	203.4	1.53
39.8	20.4	Scotincome	39.0	41.1	7.40
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd. 120 Cheapside, London, EC2. 01-242 8282			
83.8	40.1	Capital (16)	72.3	74.9	3.25
90.1	44.4	Do Accum	82.0	84.9	3.25
110.4	55.2	Income (16)	110.4	114.4	7.64
142.0	68.3	Do Accum	142.0	147.1	7.64
50.7	24.9	General (3)	47.0	48.9	4.82
56.9	26.7	Do Accum	54.3	56.5	4.82
42.8	27.0	Europe (16)	31.0	32.9	2.67
43.8	28.0	Do Accum	32.3	34.3	2.67
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd. 28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101			
38.7	25.8	Equitable (2)	38.4	40.8	5.80
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd. Jessel Britannia Group. 3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478/9			
74.7	68.4	Jessel Exempt	67.6	70.9	9.70
41.0	19.2	Do Extra Inc	27.7	29.7	9.62
51.5	18.4	Do City of Ldn	33.8	36.3	5.17
25.7	15.3	Do Invest	22.5	24.5	4.49
15.7	8.9	Do Prop & G	10.1	10.8	4.19
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd. 3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478/9			
62.3	35.7	Growth	54.2	59.0	5.21
56.6	27.4	Assets	50.0	53.8	7.16
28.9	15.7	Brit High Inc	22.5	24.2	13.24
38.0	23.3	Capital Accum	35.2	37.9	4.96
40.0	21.3	Cap Growth	24.3	28.3	6.15
41.0	26.3	Comm Cons	33.6	36.2	4.17
32.2	18.8	Far East Fnd	19.0	20.4	4.08
38.7	29.9	Financial	32.3	34.8	4.09
33.1	18.8	General Fund	24.4	26.2	6.07
53.4	36.2	Global Grth	45.9	49.3	3.21
171.8	88.5	Gold & General	82.4	88.5	8.11
55.8	28.8	High Income	53.1	57.1	7.53
47.6	27.6	Income Units	40.3	43.3	9.05
31.7	18.2	Investors Gen	26.4	28.4	5.80
79.5	28.5	Invest. Sec Gen	45.2	48.7	4.56
27.6	18.2	International	19.0	20.4	4.37
37.5	20.2	New Issue	23.2	24.9	6.41
47.7	29.4	Plant & Gen	36.4	39.1	6.69
434.5	250.1	Professional	357.1	388.2	5.05
55.5	36.3	Shamrock	42.4	45.6	5.15
31.2	13.8	Status Change	17.9	19.3	7.91
141.4	82.3	Unit "D"	135.3	145.5	3.93
115.0	55.1	Minerals Tst	51.5	55.7	8.05
28.0	24.5	North American	23.6	25.4	2.98
41.6	28.8	Century	36.2	39.3	4.71
66.2	41.4	Nat High Inc	56.3	60.6	8.59
110.2	14.8	Provident Inv	91.3	96.1	5.33
58.3	28.1	Scot Units	47.3	50.9	5.79
59.8	36.8	Security First	54.8	59.0	5.73
42.5	29.7	Shield	37.1	39.8	5.36
66.5	44.2	Bank Ins & Fin	56.6	60.9	4.12
58.1	40.1	Commodity Shre	54.0	58.0	6.23
35.4	19.9	Domestic	28.9	31.1	6.34
41.9	29.2	Hundred Secs	39.8	42.8	6.52
39.8	21.7	Inv Trst Shares	35.9	38.7	5.66
		National Group. 35 Norwich St, EC4. 01-831 6212			
50.9	34.9	Gas Ind Power	44.5	47.9	3.69
43.4	28.7	National Cons	38.1	41.0	4.29
62.7	51.5	Natural Res	51.8	56.7	5.41
97.9	54.9	Universal 2nd	82.0	88.2	5.33
		Sun Alliance Management Ltd. Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
120.0	106.0	Exempt Eq Tst	120.0	127.0	3.17
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
74.3	46.5	Family Fund	62.7	66.6	3.17
		Target Trust Managers Ltd. Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
28.4	15.1	Commodity	24.0	25.7	5.83
53.8	31.4	Financial	48.0	51.6	4.34
23.5	12.1	Equity	20.3	22.4	5.71
141.1	81.1	Exempt	130.8	137.8	5.45
168.1	94.4	Do Accum (3)	161.6	167.5	5.45
27.4	15.4	Growth	22.3	23.9	4.47
28.8	17.5	International	24.1	25.8	2.28
27.3	18.0	Do Re-invest	24.9	26.6	2.28
35.2	12.8	Investment	22.7	24.4	2.68
126.0	72.0	Professional (3)	111.2	116.4	5.38
18.6	21.0	Income	17.7	19.6	8.07
13.2	9.8	Preference	11.7	12.6	13.70
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd. 19 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
28.2	14.8	Eagle	21.8	23.3	3.35
29.7	16.8	Thistle	28.4	30.4	6.89
44.6	27.9	Claymore Fnd	40.4	42.7	4.24
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
31.7	15.6	General	30.1	32.3	4.11
37.0	17.8	Do Accum	35.8	38.3	4.11
59.4	49.9	Scottish	53.8	56.7	3.20
59.4	45.9	Do Accum	53.8	56.7	3.20
		Transatlantic & General Securities. 99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
65.9	31.3	Barbican (4)	55.9	59.5	5.60
84.0	41.3	Do Accum	76.8	81.6	5.60
154.2	100.0	Barrington Fnd	144.6	151.4	5.24
154.2	100.0	Do Accum	146.5	153.4	5.24
71.8	44.7	Buckingham (4)	67.0	70.2	4.63
79.7	48.2	Do Accum	75.3	78.9	4.63
99.6	49.4	Colemco	95.2	100.2	5.18
107.8	52.4	Do Accum	104.6	110.1	5.18
143.6	71.4	Endeavour	128.0	134.1	4.03
48.9	29.3	Glen Fund (2)	38.9	42.2	5.51
52.8	32.9	Do Accum	44.8	48.6	5.51
87.3	47.8	G'chester* (5)	71.8	75.2	3.19
88.3	54.9	Ldn & Brus'ls*	72.7	76.8	5.82
48.8	31.1	Marlborough	47.8	49.8	5.00
52.4	33.6	Do Accum	51.1	53.6	5.50
58.0	26.5	Merlin (1)	52.7	56.2	4.64
65.5	36.4	Do Accum	59.4	63.2	4.64
43.4	23.6	Merlin Yield	37.1	39.6	8.53
47.3	25.4	Do Accum	42.7	44.9	9.54
39.7	19.9	Vanguard (2)	36.3	38.2	2.83
45.3	22.4	Do Accum	42.1	44.3	2.63
49.2	31.0	Wickmoor	46.8	48.7	5.70
53.3	32.4	Do Accum	56.6	59.0	5.70
		Trident Funds. (Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd.) 140 South St, Dorking. 0306 86441			
22.0	10.7	UK Growth Fnd	16.1	17.3	4.63
39.8	21.9	Income Fund	34.0	36.2	10.26
31.5	18.4	10% Withdrwl	28.6	29.6	..
51.0	30.7	Int. Growth	43.3	46.1	3.25
29.2	21.2	Amer Growth	25.5	27.1	..
25.2	25.0	NH Yield Fnd	24.9	25.5	..

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Tyndall Managers Ltd. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
82.6	43.2	Income	74.8	78.6	7.21
128.0	65.8	Do Accum	117.2	123.2	7.21
101.8	52.8	Capital	84.6	89.2	4.36
122.6	66.4	Do Accum	109.0	114.6	4.36
92.8	34.6	Canynge Fund	65.6	69.0	4.74
103.4	38.4	Do Accum	74.4	78.2	4.74
89.6	43.0	Exempt*	74.8	78.6	5.03
103.4	51.8	Do Accum	92.0	96.8	5.03
194.6	100.2	Int Earn Fnd	176.0	185.0	5.21
197.4	100.2	Do Accum	180.2	189.4	5.21
		Tyndall National & Commercial. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
114.0	65.4	Income (23)	107.6	112.6	6.29
139.6	80.0	Do Accum	132.8	139.0	6.29
102.8	52.2	Capital (23)	90.8	95.0	4.11
113.2	58.8	Do Accum	103.2	108.0	4.11
		Unit Trust Account & Management. 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951			
98.0	62.0	Friars Hse Fnd	91.0	96.0	7.46
28.1	11.8	Gt Winchester	16.1	17.5	7.38
23.9	8.7	Do Overseas	14.8	16.1	6.96

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Life Assurance Co. Ltd. 1-3 St. Pauls Churchyard, EC4P 4DX. 01-248 9111			
37.8	15.8	Equity Fund (3)	27.0	28.7	..
28.4	12.2	Do Accum (3)	21.7	22.9	..
138.5	94.4	Prop Fund (27)	113.4	120.3	..
141.0	89.2	Do Accum (27)	107.1	113.7	..
71.1	37.8	Select Fund (3)	61.8	65.1	..
107.2	100.0	Conv Fund	107.2	112.9	..
101.5	100.0	Money Fund	101.5	106.8	..
145.4	94.5	Pension Prop (27)	115.3	120.8	..
62.2	37.3	Do Select (3)	52.8	56.0	..
106.9	100.0	Do Security	102.9	109.2	..
115.7	100.0	Do Managed	115.7	122.8	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd. 31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
96.0	100.0	Guar Mon Fnd	96.0	101.1	..
97.7	100.0	Do Accum	97.7	102.8	..
117.4	100.0	Equity Fnd	118.5	124.7	..
118.5	100.0	Do Accum	119.4	125.7	..
117.8	98.6	Property Fnd	95.1	100.1	..
96.9	100.0	Do Accum	96.7	101.7	..
98.3	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	97.3	102.5	..
99.3	100.0	Do Accum	98.8	104.1	..
117.1	100.0	Mult Inv Fnd	110.6	116.4	..
117.6	100.0	Do Accum	112.6	118.5	..
97.7	100.0	Guar Mon Pen	97.7	102.8	..
90.6	100.0	Do Accum	99.6	104.8	..
97.1	100.0	Property Pen	97.1	102.1	..
94.9	100.0	Do Accum	98.9	104.0	..
100.2	100.0	Fixed Int Pen	100.1	105.4	..
102.0	100.0	Do Accum	102.0	107.4	..
122.3	100.0	Mult Inv Pen	115.2	121.3	..
123.3	100.0	Do Accum	117.4	123.6	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd Alma Hse, Alma Rd, Reigate. RH2 0AX. 74 40101			
107.5	100.0	Triad Man Bond	105.6	111.7	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co. Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-534 5544			
88.1	66.0	Barclaybonds	83.2	87.7	..
		Canada Life Assurance 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
46.4	24.9	Equity Grwth	41.0	..	..
104.3	63.5	Retirement	93.7	..	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd. 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
12.05	7.38	Equity Units	£ 11.98	..	..
112.0	87.0	Do Accum	112.0	..	..
77.0	48.0	Do Annuity	76.0	..	..
969.0	714.0	Prop Units	738.0	..	..
962.0	756.0	Do Accum	937.0	..	..
9.73	7.94	Exec Bal	£ 9.72	..	..
8.15	5.06	Exec Equity	£ 8.11	..	..
11.35	9.39	Exec Prop	£ 9.78	..	..
9.95	8.40	Bal Bond	£ 9.73	10.30	..
8.15	5.35	Equity Bond	£ 8.13	8.60	..
11.35	7.76	Prop Bond	£ 9.77	10.35	..
9.73	7.94	Bal Units	£ 9.71	..	..
95.3	100.0	Deposit Bnd	95.3	100.8	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society. 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664			
		Valuation last working day of month.			
73.1	64.8	1st Units	71.1	74.6	..
50.9	45.9	Prop Units	47.2	49.5	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co. 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664			
		Valuation last working day of month.			
46.1	41.5	W'minster Units	43.8	46.0	..
68.2	57.2	Land Bank	59.4	..	..
44.5	33.1	Speculator	34.1	..	..
155.0	131.0	Prop Annuity	135.0	137.7	..
104.2	100.0	Inv Option Bnd	104.2	109.8	..
36.4	33.1	Equity Fnd	31.5	33.1	..
		2nd Managed Fund.			
121.1	48.9	Performance	120.6	..	..
120.1	113.2	Balanced	120.1	126.4	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	100.0	..	..
		Commercial Union Group. St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
34.1	18.4	Variable An Acc	32.2	..	..
18.6	10.3	Do Annuity	12.4	..	..
		Cornhill Insurance. 32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410			
		Valuation 15th of month.			
110.0	63.5	Capital Fnd	88.5	..	..
46.5	25.0	GS Special	34.0	..	..
119.5	85.0	Man Grwth (23)	119.5	126.0	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co. Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300			
114.2	91.3	Crown Brit Inv	114.2	..	..
		Crusader Insurance. Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031			
		Valuation 1st Tuesday of month.			
61.8	56.8	Crusader Prop	51.8	57.6	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance. PO Box 173, NLA Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
40.7	23.7	Eagle Units	35.2	37.0	6.03
40.7	23.8	Midland	35.0	37.0	6.93
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group. Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
166.4	131.9	Property Bond	130.1	135.3	..
101.3	59.9	Pen Man Bonds	100.9	106.2	..
		Hambro Life Assurance. 7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
112.4	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	107.9	113.7	..
120.2	75.2	Equity	112.8	118.5	..
134.7	108.9	Property	118.8	125.1	..
107.8	73.1	Managed Cap	101.7	107.1	..
119.3	90.7	Do Accum	115.1	121.2	..
142.5	134.8	Pen Prop Cap	136.2	139.5	..
161.6	151.9	Do Accum	161.6	170.2	..
137.5	121.0	Pen Man Cap	137.5	144.7	..
166.7	137.8	Do Accum	160.7	169.2	..
113.5	100.0	Pen FI Cap	109.2	115.1	..
119.3	100.0	Do Accum	115.6	121.8	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society. Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
35.2	29.6	Property Bond	29.9	31.5	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd. NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
150.5	121.8	HS Prop Units	122.1	128.9	..
116.3	76.4	Fortune Man (5)	116.3	122.5	..
103.4	100.0	Money Fund	103.4	108.9	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd. 114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 40577			
49.9	27.3	Hodge Bonds	45.0	47.3	..
54.4	40.0	Takeover	53.9	56.7	..
29.5	25.0	Hodge Life Eq	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Mortgage Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Conv High Yld	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Overseas Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
		Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 71255			
46.8	36.2	Growth Fnd (5)	46.2	50.3	..
41.8	30.5	Pension Fnd	39.5	43.0	..
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd. 45 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT. 0323 36711			
102.0	88.0	Equities	93.5	98.5	..
119.9	105.5	Fixed Int	117.9	124.2	..
114.4	95.4	Managed	110.2	116.0	..
105.0	105.2	Property	104.8	110.4	..
109.9	100.0	MoneyFund	101.9	107.3	..

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
119.6	98.2	King & Shaxson	117.3	119.9	..
100.2	99.0	Do Gov Sec Bd	99.2	104.5	..
104.6	81.0	Commodity	76.9	81.0	..
100.8	92.0	Growth	93.6	98.6	..
106.6	95.4	Capital	99.9	104.2	..
100.4	87.1	Income	92.4	97.3	..
120.5	100.0	International	108.8	114.6	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance 9 Devereux Court, London, WC2. 01-353 5897			
107.6	59.5	Lion Equity	83.8	..	..
113.3	76.9	Do Accum	101.2	..	..
63.2	46.2	Lion Man Grwth	51.6	54.5	..
61.8	43.4	Do Cap	44.5	47.0	..
75.6	52.5	Lion Prop Fnd	57.6	..	..
76.1	48.1	Lion High Yield	57.6	..	..
111.5	91.8	Do Equity Pen	105.8	..	..
78.9	54.7	Do Prop Pen	61.4	..	..
70.6	52.9	Do H Yld Pen	69.1	..	..
		Irish Life Assurance. 11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-626 8253			
157.9	138.0	Prop Modules	131.3	138.2	5.60
137.1	138.0	Do Growth (31)	131.3	138.1	..
131.2	100.0	Managed Fnd	131.2	138.1	..
56.6	32.3	Blue Chip Fnd	53.4	56.3	4.70
		Langham Life Assurance. Stigdal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 8881			
136.8	105.6	Property Bond	108.5	112.1	..
30.9	22.3	Spec Prop Fnd	22.2	23.4	..
54.2	40.6	Midas Bond (34)	38.5	40.6	..
54.2	38.5	Capital Accum	38.5	..	..
57.4	52.9	WISP (SpecMan)	57.4	60.4	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co Ltd. 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
29.5	21.5	Secure Net	29.5	31.5	..
30.5	15.0	Select Inv	25.0	26.5	..
23.0	18.0	Do 2nd	19.5	21.0	..
25.0	19.5	Gilt Fnd	23.5	25.0	..
24.0	15.5	Equity Fnd	19.0	20.5	..
102.0	100.0	Deposit Fnd	102.0	108.0	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd. 12 Leadenhall St, EC3B 1LS. 01-623 6621			
128.4	100.0	Mult Grwth Fnd	128.4	133.7	..
98.6	69.3	OPT 5 Equity	95.9	98.4	..
104.7	100.0	Do Property	104.7	110.1	..
111.5	94.7	Do High Yield	103.3	108.4	..
108.5	95.9	Do Managed	103.5	109.0	..
103.3	100.0	Do Deposit	103.3	108.8	..
119.5	100.0	Pen Dep Fnd	110.2	116.1	..
167.8	143.8	Do Equity Fnd	167.9	176.8	..
123.1	100.0	Do FI Fnd	121.5	127.9	..
126.7	100.0	Do Man Fnd	126.7	133.4	..
106.8	100.0	Do Prop Fnd	106.8	112.5	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance. Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101			
29.9	17.2	Manulife (5)	29.0	30.4	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance. 125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
111.3	102.7	Cons Dep Bnd	111.3	..	..
109.5	100.0	Do Pension	109.5	..	..
73.8	38.8	Equity Bond	46.9	..	..
142.3	91.1	Do Pension	121.8	..	..
113.3	80.2	Managed Bond	84.9	..	..
100.3	89.7	Do Pension	94.3	..	..
118.7	101.2	Money Market	118.0	..	..
126.0	100.0	Do Pension	126.0	..	..
150.9	97.6	Property Bond	107.8	..	..
145.1	94.1	Do Pension	105.1	..	..
		M & G Assurance. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
97.9	50.6	Equity Bond (4)	92.6	96.8	..
77.0	41.6	Do Bonus	51.6	90.8	..
83.5	49.4	Int'l Bnd (4)	63.0	66.7	..
115.4	68.9	Fam Bnd 1976	114.7	..	..
103.8	66.9	Do 1977-80	76.0	..	..
119.0	70.7	Do 1981-86	111.5	..	..
97.9	61.5	Managed Bonds	91.7	96.4	..
43.6	29.4	Mirror Bonds	42.3	..	..
129.0	74.7	Pers Pen (5)	118.8	122.4	..
139.9	100.4	Prop Fnd (4)	110.1	113.7	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group. PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
131.0	99.7	Norwich Man (3)	131.0	137.9	..
191.3	99.1	Do Equity (3)	180.9	190.3	..
99.6	100.0	Do Prop (3)	99.6	104.8	..
106.0	99.0	Do FI Int (3)	106.0	111.6	..
118.9	74.3	Do Units (38)	112.2	..	..
		Pearl Assurance (Unit Funds) Ltd. 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
105.6	96.6	Prop Units	97.4	104.5	..
		Phoenix Assurance. 4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
85.3	55.9	Wealth Assured	80.3	84.6	..
52.2	22.5	Ebor Phx Ass (3)	52.0	..	..
53.1	30.0	Ebor Phx Eq (3)	53.1	55.7	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co. 119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
178.2	145.7	R Silk Prop Bnd	146.5	..	..
115.0	95.0	Do Bal Ac Bnd	69.2	..	..
100.3	95.5	Do Spec (5)	59.1	..	..
93.1	56.1	Do Managed	69.2	..	..
98.5	46.7	Do Equity Bnd	62.5	..	..
115.9	100.0	Do Flex Mny	115.9	..	..
		Property Growth Assurance. 111 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JF. 01-928 0381			
156.0	141.5	Prop Growth (29)	149.5	..	..
151.0	460.0	AG Bond (29)	464.0	..	..
148.5	125.5	Abb Nat Pf (29)	130.0	..	..
54.5	48.6	Shenley Inv (29)	57.4	..	..
135.6	100.0	Equity Fnd	129.8	..	..
121.0	100.0	Money Fnd	113.7	..	..
139.0	117.0	Ret Annuity (29)	131.5	..	..
126.0	103.5	Immed Ann (3)	110.5	..	..
		Atlantic Assurance.			
105.7	90.0	All-Weather Ac	95.4	100.5	..
97.8	90.5	Do Capital	93.3	98.3	..
112.0	97.0	Investment Fnd	108.6	..	..
108.0	98.0	Pension Fnd	101.3	..	..
106.7	102.4	Conv Pen Fnd	..	108.7	..
101.5	100.0	Man Pen Fnd	..	105.7	..
109.9	102.3	Prop Pen Fnd	..	105.9	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd. Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
16.88	9.75	Equity	£ 14.71	15.19	..
12.33	10.01	Fixed Int	£ 12.30	12.82	..
18.60	16.40	Property	£ 17.86	18.41	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd. Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271			
170.1	140.6	Rel Prop Bnd	149.2	..	..
		Save & Prosper Group. 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899			
96.0	79.3	Balanced Bond	93.0	98.5	..
92.5	54.7	Equity Bnd	85.9	90.8	..
22.0	13.6	Mini Bond (4)	20.8	21.9	..
117.4	100.3	Prop Fnd (30)	110.3	116.3	..
		Schroder Life Group. 18-24 Maltravers St, WC2. 01-836 3883			
98.4	100.0	Deposit Bnd (5)	98.4	103.7	..
105.4	100.0	Fixed Interest	104.8	110.0	..
97.5	63.6	Flexible Fnd	89.7	94.5	..
152.1	87.1	Equity Fnd	142.4	..	..
155.7	90.6	Do 2nd Ser	147.4	155.2	..
132.2	100.0	PenFndCap	127.3	134.1	..
143.0	100.0	PenFndAccum	137.1	144.3	..
105.3	100.0	Prop Fnd (3)	105.3	110.9	..
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance. 9 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031-225 1291			
276.1	165.7	Inv Policy	274.6	282.9	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co Ltd. 30 Uxbridge Rd, W12. 01-749 9111			
78.0	50.0	Sel Market Fnd	75.0	79.5	..
47.2	50.0	Do Capital	47.2	50.0	..
		Standard Life Assurance Co. PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971			
91.8	41.8	Unit Endowm't	83.1	..	..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd. 2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400			
134.1	70.7	Maple Leaf (3)	127.6	..	..
130.1	102.8	Personal Pens	130.1	..	..
		Target Life Assurance. Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
100.4	100.0	Deposit Inc	96.0	101.4	..
107.4	98.2	Fixed Interest	97.7	102.4	..
96.1	80.2	Man Fnd Acc	93.3	98.2	..
93.1	80.6	Do Income	84.1	88.9	..
120.0	86.0	Prop Fnd Inv	90.0	..	..
98.0	93.2	Do Income	90.7	95.3	..
143.0	99.0	Do Accum	104.0	..	..
53.2	30.7	Ret Ann Pen Cap	47.0	50.6	..
57.5	32.9	Do Accum	52.3	56.1	..

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		Trident Life. Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 36541			
107.2	91.0	Trident Man	103.4	108.9	..
120.1	93.5	Do Guar Man	119.0	125.3	..
109.8	102.0	Do Property	108.4	114.6	..
90.0	58.3	Do Equity	78.9	83.1	..
112.1	99.9	Do High Yield	110.3	116.2	..
104.2	100.0	Do Money	104.2	109.8	..
102.0	100.0	DoFiscalFnd	102.0	107.0	..
112.0	28.5	Do Bonds	40.0	43.0	..
93.30	82.10	Gilt Edged(3)	91.00	..	..
		Tyndall Assurance. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
145.4	79.4	Prop Fnd (19)	81.6	..	..
125.8	75.4	3 Way Fnd (19)	94.2	..	..
		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd. 41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. 01-499 4923			
141.5	79.0	Equity Fnd	142.4	149.9	..
113.5	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	112.8	118.9	..
105.9	100.0	Property Fnd	105.8	111.4	..
101.4	98.8	Cash Fund	101.4	106.8	..
102.9	72.9	Managed Fnd	101.4	106.9	..
		Welfare Insurance. The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
133.8	100.0	Capital Grwth	131.7	..	..
94.1	81.5	Flexible Fnd	75.8	..	..
100.3	81.5	Inv Fnd	95.5	..	..
111.6	85.5	Prop Fnd	68.3	..	..
95.7	71.4	Money Maker	71.9	..	..

Offshore and International Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot (C.I.) Ltd 1 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey, CI. 0534 22561			
57.0	35.1	Capital Trust	51.0	54.0	2.00
55.5	50.8	Eastern Int	50.4	56.0	2.00
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd. PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 37606			
97.6	50.3	Europ & Ster Tst	91.6	97.0	3.00
		Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd. Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37506			
44.9	30.3	Jer Guer O'seas	44.4	46.7	12.47
		Barclays Unicorn International (I.O.M.) Ltd. 20 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 4856			
46.2	34.6	Aust Ext Tst	42.0	45.6	4.10
21.6	11.0	Aust Min Tst	19.9	21.2	2.10
50.1	40.0	Isle of Man Tst	44.8	47.2	8.10
41.0	16.7	Manx Mutual	20.7	22.3	2.10
		Brandts & Grindlay (Jersey) Ltd. PO Box 60, Broad St, St Helier.			
140.0	75.0	Brandt Jersey	102.0	111.0	5.33
150.0	86.0	Do Accum	124.0	133.0	5.37
		Brandts Ltd. 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
70.50	53.25	O'seas Fnd	$ 62.80	..	..
		Calvin Bullock Ltd. 60 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-283 5433			
925.0	535.0	Bullock Fnd	749.0	840.0	2.06
630.0	518.0	Canadian Fnd	590.0	672.0	1.53
361.0	258.0	Canadian Inv	283.0	321.0	2.28
266.0	140.0	Div Shares	189.0	214.0	2.25
734.0	460.0	NY Venture Fnd	631.0	712.0	..
		Charterhouse Japhet. 1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-248 3999			
31.40	24.30	Adiropa	DM 27.60	29.30	7.85
54.50	29.20	Adiverba	DM 48.20	50.70	6.90
33.50	25.50	Fondak	DM 29.40	31.00	7.10
25.10	18.00	Fondis	DM 22.10	23.30	7.10
60.50	29.00	Gen O'seas Swiz	45.50	49.50	3.43
59.20	39.50	Hispano	$ 57.65	60.56	2.01
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd. PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters, Guernsey			
151.0	91.0	Int Cap Man (20)	132.5	144.5	..
		Ebor Management (Jersey). 37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 20591			
104.4	111.5	Channel Cap	182.6	192.2	3.12
102.8	84.0	Channel Isles	91.4	96.3	3.72
		Eurosyndicat Group. Agent: N. M. Rothschild and Sons. New Ct, St Swithin's Lane, EC4. 01-626 4356			
1.786	1.363	Eurunion	Luxfr 1,725	1,795	3.01
520.0	275.0	Fin Union	Luxfr 320.0	339.0	3.31
		First General Unit Managers. 91 Pembroke Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. 680001			
50.3	34.2	Bnk Ist Gen (3)	47.1	51.0	5.02
116.4	100.0	Do Gilt (2)	116.4	120.3	9.56
		Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd. PO Box 86, St Peter Port, Guernsey. 0481 26521			
115.9	62.9	Channel Isle	101.5	108.6	5.30
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd. 45 South St, Eastbourne BN21 4UT. 0323 36711			
110.5	100.0	Fortrtn Fix Int	110.8	116.0	..
105.9	100.0	Do Equity	98.0	103.3	..
		Keysdale Bermuda Management Ltd. Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton 5, Bermuda			
1.42	1.15	Bishopsgate N.A.	1.32	1.38	..
		Lamont Investment Management Ltd. 6 St George's St, Douglas, I.O.M. Douglas 4682			
25.0	15.4	Int Income (3)	19.7	21.0	8.25
55.9	27.9	Do Growth (10)	55.1	58.6	4.12
		Manx International Management. 20 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 4856			
155.9	81.8	Gtr Pacific	113.7	121.5	..
46.5	31.5	Manx Int Inc	37.6	40.3	5.40
102.1	71.1	Sell Growth (27)	73.7	74.6	..
		M & G Group. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
96.6	56.8	Island Fnd *	83.5	86.1	4.66
130.6	70.1	Do Accum †	105.5	109.1	4.66
1.86	1.28	Atlantic Exp	$ 1.62	1.79	..
2.26	1.10	Aust & Gen	$ 1.47	1.51	..
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd. PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26331			
45.4	36.0	Old Ct Eq (34)	39.7	42.1	..
103.4	95.0	Old Ct Int (35)	97.5	103.7	..
102.3	54.1	Smaller Co's	90.9	96.7	6.33
		Oliver Heath & Co. 31 Malew St, Castletown, I.O.M. 0624 822745			
109.5	87.9	Brit Cons Tst	94.2	98.1	14.60
105.7	90.4	Cap Sec Ord Res	104.7	110.2	5.50
116.8	100.0	Conv Rights Tst	101.3	117.7	9.00
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. Telex GK 245			
143.4	100.0	Gib Ins Tst	126.1	134.9	5.00
116.8	50.1	Key Cty Inc	101.3	112.7	..
77.1	24.9	Warrant Fnd	66.0	67.3	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co (C.I.) Ltd. 2 Grange, St Peter Port, Guernsey. 0481-26728			
69.9	52.4	Worldwide	61.4	..	3.00
		Slater Walker (Jersey). 2-6 Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37361			
258.8	135.7	Growth Inv	218.9	230.0	3.00
61.3	43.0	Int Fnd	56.7	61.1	3.00
143.2	100.0	Jersey Energy	126.7	137.9	1.09
		Target Trust Managers (Cayman) Ltd. PO Box 719, Grand Cayman, Cayman Is.			
1.03	0.43	Offshore	$ 0.53	0.56	..
		Tyndall Overseas Funds Managers Ltd. PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Bermuda			
100.0	76.6	Int Man Fnds	86.0	90.4	..
1.27	0.91	Overseas	$ 1.07	1.13	6.00
1.55	1.12	Do Accum	$ 1.41	1.49	6.00
2.75	1.98	3-Way Int	$ 2.18	..	..
		Tyndall Managers (Jersey) Ltd. 43 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37331			
10.60	5.65	Overseas Str	£ 6.66	7.00	6.00
12.45	7.00	Do Accum	£ 8.90	9.30	6.00

* Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (8) Oct 8. (9) Oct 7. (10) Sept 31. (14) Oct 1. (15) Oct 8. (16) Sept 30. (18) Oct 14. (19) Sept 18. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 1st Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (29) Last Thursday of month. (30) 3rd working day of month. (30) 10th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month.

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Stock Exchange prices

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Sept 22. Dealings End Oct 3. § Contango Day, Oct 6. Settlement Day, Oct 14.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

BRITISH FUNDS

1974/75 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
98½	89¾	Exch 6½%	98½	..	6.667	10.468
97¾	88	Treas 6½% 1976	96¾	..	6.714	10.306
101¾	94¼	Treas 10½% 1976	99¾	..	10.511	10.541
95¾	84¾	Treas 6½% 1977	94½	..	6.588	10.142
91½	81¼	Elec 3% 1974-77	93½	..	3.204	7.681
103¾	95¾	Treas 11½% 1977	101¾	-⅛	11.348	10.737
89½	84½	Treas 3% 1977	88¾	-⅛	3.390	9.161
90¾	78¼	Treas 3% 1977-78	88¾	-⅛	3.437	9.166
98¾	98½	Treas 9% 1978	98½	-⅛	9.146	11.435
100¾	96	Treas 10½% 1978	97½	-⅛	10.748	11.474
57¾	76	Exch 5½% 1976-78	81¾	..	5.698	9.800
72¾	65½	Treas 3% 1979	75¾	..	3.819	9.811
102¾	94¼	Treas 11½% 1979	100¼	-⅛	11.492	11.469
71¾	66¼	Elec 4½% 1976-79	67¾	..	5 199	9.561
100¾	94¾	Treas 10½% 1979	86¾	-⅛	10 946	11.475
79¾	67½	Elec 3½% 1976-79	73¾	..	4 409	9 655
85	81¼	Treas Cnv 9% 1980	91	-¼	9 691	12 664
88¾	81	Treas 9½% 1980	91¾	-¼	10 372	11.922
86½	69¼	Fund 5½% 1978-80	83¾	-¼	6 316	9.796
73	64½	Treas 3½% 77-80	77¾	..	4.502	9.448
79¾	61¾	Treas 3½% 78-81	76¾	..	4 607	9 254
91¼	77¾	Treas 8½% 1980-82	87¾	..	9.919	11.761
104¾	86¾	Treas. 12% 1983	98¾	..	12 231	12 403
74	58	Fund 3½% 1982-84	73¾	..	7.427	10.293
83¾	61¾	Treas 8½% 1982-84	82¾	-¼	10.429	11.649
100	83¾	Fund 9% 1985-87	92¾	..	9 758	11 272
73¾	53	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	72¾	..	10.716	12 122
47¾	32½	Treas 3% 1978-88	46	..	6 623	11 122
56½	39¾	Treas 3½% 1986-89	54	..	9.508	11.712
73¾	53¼	Treas 8½% 1987-90	72	..	11.533	12.000
54	41¾	Fund 3½% 1987-91	54	..	10.616	12.514
94¾	82¾	Treas 12¾% 1992	94	..	13.523	13.523
97¾	83¾	Treas 13¼% 1993	92¾	..	12.572	14.008
61¾	45¾	Fund 4% 1990-92	51¾	..	11.604	13.008
84¾	64¾	Treas 9% 1994	84¾	..	11.183	13.045
40½	34¼	Rdmptn 3½ 1966-96	33¾	..	9.422	11.829
24¾	24¾	Gas 3% 1990-95	33¾	..	9.181	11.991
23	23¾	Treas 12¾% 1995	36¾	..	13.972	14.052
24¾	23¾	Treas 3% 1995-99	27¾	..	12.388	13.825
99¾	99¾	Treas 13¾% 1997	101¾	..	14.031	14.031
49¾	40¾	Treas 6¼% 1993-98	54¾	..	13.000	13.666
53¼	53¼	Treas 8¾% 1997	65¾	..	13.427	13.936
94¾	94¾	Treas 9½% 1992	97¾	..	13.619	13.917
47¾	47¾	Fund 3½% 1999-04	32¾	..	11.042	12.320
16¾	16¾	Treas 2% 2002-06	56¾	..	13.678	13.838
32¾	32¾	Treas 3½% 2008-12	40¾	..	13.874	13.719
43¾	43¾	Treas 3¾% 2013-15	57¾	..	13.676	13.920
22¾	22¾	Consols 4%	28¾	..	14.338	..
29¾	29¾	War Ln 3½%	39¾	..	13.522	..
30¾	30¾	Conv 3½%	39¾	..	13.563	..
17¾	17¾	Treas 3%	25¾	..	14.514	..
14	14	Consols 2½%	17¾	..	14.225	..
20¾	14¾	Treas. 2½% Aft 75	17¾	..	14.459	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

84½	73¾	Aust 5½%	76-78	84	..	6.523	12.922
68¾	58¾	Aust 5½%	77-79	81	..	7.528	13.066
68¾	58¾	Aust 5½%	81-83	67¾	..	8 180	15.112
58¾	50¾	Aust 6%	81-83	57	..	9 219	13.045
83	69	Aust 6%	74-76	94½	..	8.337	11.336
74¾	67¾	Aust 6%	79-81	79½	..	9.329	13 193
100	90	Berlin 4½%	Ass	96	..	..	..
92	82	Chilean Mtged		93	..	..	..
52	52	S Africa 5½%	77-83	62¾	..	9.452	14.336
152	136	German 4½%	1930	190	..	..	..
83	83	Hungary 4½%	1913	84	..	..	..
83	83	Ireland 3½%	51-83	74	..	..	..
72½	72½	Jamaica 5½%	77-79	63¾	..	9.427	13 914
136	94	Japan Ass 4%	1910	146	..	..	..
52	46	Japan 6%	63-88	50	..	..	..
102¾	94¾	Kenya 6%	78-82	95¾	..	8 103	14.348
64	64	Malaya 3%	57-72	84¾	..	10.090	11.950
67¾	67¾	N Z 6%	76-78	76¾	..	7.865	13.338
98	98	N Z 6%	78-79	98	..	6.133	10.891
92¾	84¾	N Z 6%	88-92	89	..	12.655	13.567
87¾	87¾	N Z 6%	93-98	88	..	11.380	13 638
64½	64½	N Rhd 6%	77-79	75¾	..	8.000	12.903
76	61½	Nyasa 6%	78-81	79½	..	8.074	12.904
100	80	Peru 6%	Ass	150	..	..	..
82½	82½	S A Gov 5½%	74-76	96¾	..	..	..
16	16	S Rhd 3½%	48-70	30	..	..	..
16	16	S Rhd 3½%	49-74	31	..	..	..
21	21	S Rhd 6%	76-81	38	..	..	..
49	49	Spanish 4%		56	..	..	..
53	53	Tang 5½%	78-82	68	..	8.001	14.364
74	61	Uruguay 3½%		71	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

82¼	82¼	L C C	3%	1920	58¾	14 961	..
81¾	81¾	L C C	3%	49-63	58¾	14.961	..
83¾	83¾	L C C	3½%	61-66	62¾	7.059	12.154
84¾	84¾	L C C	3½%	62-64	61¾	9.140	13.204
89¾	89¾	L C C	3½%	63-65	54¾	10.398	13.672
83	83	L C C	3½%	65-75	57¾	6.897	15.497
83	83	L C C	4%	67-69	57¾	7.010	13.953
88	88	L C C	6½%	88-90	97¾	12.629	13 728
85	85	L C C	6½%	1976	98¾	7.012	11.570
88	88	L C C	6½%	1977	93	6.991	15.050
91	91	L C C	6½%	90-92	93¾	12.387	13.933
90	90	L C C	6½%	1977	93¾	7.021	12.495
91	91	L C C	6½%	90-92	91¾	11.562	13.571
87	87	L C C	6½%	78-83	85¾	7.626	12.770
87	87	L C C	6½%	83-85	85¾	7.643	12.896
89	89	L C C	6½%	81-84	84¾	11.542	13.926
87	87	L C C	6½%	81-83	87¾	13.563	14.540
89	89	L C C	6½%	85-90	92¾	12.623	14.473
87	87	L C C	6½%	82-84	84¾	7.994	13.514
87	87	L C C	6½%	1985-87	87¾	7.975	13.095
87	87	L C C	6½%	74-75	93¾	7.944	11.054
87	87	L C C	6½%	75-78	85¾	7.903	13.020
87	87	L C C	6½%	78-81	84¾	9.634	13.978
87	87	L C C	6½%	79-81	84¾	9.679	13.938
87	87	L C C	6½%	80-82	83¾	11.544	13.713
87	87	L C C	6½%	76-78	85¾	7.871	12.607
87	87	L C C	6½%	77-79	84¾	7.897	12.743
87	87	L C C	6½%	78-79	84¾	7.907	12.743
87	87	L C C	6½%	79-81	84¾	13.300	14.401
87	87	L C C	3%	78-80	54¾	8.963	15.521
87	87	L C C	3%	80-83	60¾	12.132	16.270
87	87	L C C	6½%	81-83	87¾	10.667	15 580
87	87	Notts 6½%		76-78	85¾	7.873	12.785
87	87	Sibend 6½%		77-79	79¾	6.623	13.091
87	87	Swark 6½%		83-86	85¾	11.133	13.541
87	87	Surrey 6½%		78-80	76¾	7.868	13.202

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

233	130	Alexs Discount	210	..	17.9	8.5	10.0
280	200	Allen H & Sons	230	..	26.5	8.2	9.0
45	25	Anglo-Italian	30	..	1.1	3.7	20.0
175	110	Aust & NZ	155	-5	14.3	9.2	11.4
50	36	Bk Bahamas	38	..	0.7	2.8	9.4
2445	1765	Bk of Ireland	2320	..	164.0	7.0	8.6
1100	1000	Bk of Israel £1	23	..	1.3	5.4	4.8
315	180	Bk Leumi UK	230	..	11.5	5.0	15.8
348	298	Bk of NSW	298	-10	16.2	5.4	16.5
1774	1774	Bk of Scotla £25	2274	..	120.0	5.3	8.0
1050	1050	Bk of Scotland	1350	..	73.2	5.4	8.0
305	184	Banks Trst NY £25	234	..	12.6	5.4	8.6
210	110	Barclays Bank	245	-8	13.2	4.6	7.6
230	95	Bates E Hldgs	95	..	..	..	..
73	55	Brown Shipley	170	..	10.7	6.3	7.5
1750	1750	Cater Ryder	2235	..	120.0	5.4	8.0
25	15	Cedar Hldgs	13	..	0.4	3.1	15.4
94	94	Chase Man	94	..	3.5	3.7	7.8
37	24	Citicorp	31	..	1.2	3.9	19.0
57	47	Clive Discount	55	..	4.6	8.4	8.8
230	118	Com Bk of Aust	245	..	8.1	3.3	12.0
106	100	Com Bk of Syd	165	..	7.6	4.6	8.0
135	135	CC De France £25	135	..	10.3	7.6	24.6
41	3	First Nat Fin	3½	..	1.1	10.0	45.8
310	175	Fraser Ans	11	-1	16.7	7.2	7.9
165	85	Gerrard & Nat	220	-5	20.0	12.5	3.8
178	55	Gillett Bros	160	..	11.7	7.3	11.2
21	6	Grindlays Hldgs	41	..	1.0	2.4	40.0
178	55	Guinness Peat	160	-6	11.7	7.3	11.2
71	6	Hambros £10	£17	..	10.0	8.4	..
230	80	Do Ord	200	+5	10.9	5.5	12.5
214	84	Hill Samuel	97	..	5.5	5.6	10.7
1050	844	Hong K & Shang	930	-8	47.0	5.1	30.3
315	220	Israel Brit	220	..	15.0	6.8	4.5
53	40	Jessel Toynbee	43	..	6.2	8.2	..
158	85	Joseph L	225	..	9.5	4.4	15.1
65	38	Keyser Ullmann	48	-2	4.4	6.7	8.2
65	38	King & Shaxson	50	..	4.4	6.7	8.2
134	33	Kleinwort Ben	108	-6	4.8	4.4	12.7
267	193	Lloyds Bank	230	-10	11.9	4.8	7.6
267	193	Mercury Secs	134	-4	9.2	6.8	10.4
215	125	Midland	280	-7	16.6	5.8	5.4
41	15	Minster Assets	43	..	4.2	9.6	6.8
307	114	Nat of Aust	250	-5	7.9	3.1	12.7
93	24	Nat Comm Bk Grp	68	..	3.3	4.8	10.2
94	94	Nat Wm Minster	252	-8	12.7	5.5	7.1
38	19	Ottoman	£26	..	2.4	9.2	13.3
115	55	Rea Bros	63	..	3.4	5.3	13.2
274	134	Royal of Can	220	+1	26.0	11.8	5.0
415	198	Schroders	418	-8	17.4	4.2	10.7
415	198	Schroder Wag	340	..	19.5	5.7	8.1
185	92	Slater Walker	89	-1	5.6	14.4	5.1
73	22	Smith St Aubyn	55	..	5.5	10.0	..
510	150	Stand Ch & Chart	470	-15	30.5	4.4	9.1
320	150	Union Discount	320	..	20.4	6.3	6.7
58	41	Wintrust	62	..	4.4	7.0	10.9

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

58½	31	Allied	50	-2	4.8	6.8	11.8
317	41	Bass Charrgton	100	-2	5.7	5.7	12.4
1034	71	Bell A.	108	+4	8.69	7.9	8.3
106	53	Boddingtons	105	+8	4.0	3.8	14.8
72	33	Brown M.	66	-2	3.1	4.7	14.4
97	57	Burtonwood	87	..	4.9	5.7	7.4
124	48	Cannon J.W.	123	h --	4.6	3.7	14.7
134	90	C of Edn Dfd	44	..	3.3	7.5	28.2
118	80	Dreverleh	120	..	7.1	5.9	9.5
1650	83	Distillers	116	-2	8.2	7.1	8.6
68	33	Greenall	60	..	3.3	5.5	11.8
120	57	Greene King	160	+3	6.6	4.1	12.7
139	57	Guinness	126	-4	8.5	6.7	9.9
118	48	Hardys & H'sons	87	..	7.2	8.3	8.7
152	63	Highland	165	+3	7.0	4.2	10.0
44	16	Invergordon	28	..	2.6	10.1	6.5
93	34	Irish Distillers	66	-1	3.3	4.8	7.0
65	34	Marston	42	..	2.2	5.1	10.0
350	85	Morland & Co	270	..	14.8	5.4	15.7
89	55	Scot & Nwcastle	89½	..	5.0	5.3	10.0
59	35	Seagram	120½	+½	16.6	1.8	20.6
132	31	Sn Breweries	83	-10	5.7	6.8	7.3
45	29	Teacher	29	..	12.3	5.9	11.2
132	82	Tomatin	82	..	3.5	4.7	7.8
290	102	Vaux	287	..	10.8	6.9	10.9
330	88	Whitbread 'A'	97½	-½	4.5	6.7	14.9
78½	31½	Do B	97½	+2	4.5	6.7	14.9
184	92½	Whitbread Inv	185	..	8.6	8.2	10.4
155	46	Wolverhampton	127	..	6.5	5.1	12.4

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58	36	AC Cars	48	..	3.4	7.1	15.4
100	43	AD Intl	84	-1	3.5	4.2	9.6
58	26	AGB Research	37	-1	3.3	9.0	5.6
230	93	APV Hldgs	192	..	13.0	6.8	7.4
80	21	AVP Ind	58	..	2.7	4.7	5.9
90	52	Aaronson Bros	63	-1	2.4	3.8	11.1
16	9½	Abrasives Int	13	..	2.2	16.5	4.5
40	15	Acrow	26	-1	5.7	5.8	10.6
95	23½	Do A	91	-1	5.7	6.2	9.9
21¾	15¾	Adams Food	19	-¼	1.6	8.5	10.0
30	9	Adda Int	9½	..	..	..	..
178	57	Adwest Group	114	..	9.29	8.1	6.3
48	8	Aeron't & Gen.	17½	..	1.5	8.5	8.5
118	68	Airfix Ind	115	-3	4.3	3.7	10.8
78	57	Do NV	76	-3	4.3	5.6	7.2
90	55	Albright & W	83	-3	5.4	6.6	4.5
85	55	Alcan 10½%	£73½	..	1030	14.3	..
82	55	Do 9% Cnv	£66½	..	900	14.0	..
49	35	Allen F.	47	..	5.3	11.3	4.4
82	32	Allen W. G.	42	+1	3.5	10.6	8.6
132	52½	Alliance Alders	83	-1	1.8	5.4	8.1
121	44	Allied Colloids	84	-1	1.9	2.3	10.4
100	23½	Allied Insulators	96	..	5.7	14.5	5.6
32	9	Allied Plant	25	..	2.0	8.0	15.5
54	24	Allied Polymer	32	-1	2.3	7.2	9.0
87	38	Allied Retailers	77	..	6.8	8.8	7.5
41	12	Alpine Hldgs	29	-1	..	..	12.0
133	61	Amal Metal	164	..	18.6	10.1	2.8
28	15	Amal Power	33	..	4.7	12.1	4.7
49	15	Amber Day	18	..	2.1	6.4	4.6
11	6½	Amber Ind Hldgs	11	..	0.6	8.9	4.8
54	24	Anchor Chem	34	..	5.15	15.4	4.3
145	99	Anderson Strath	145	..	11.1b	9.0	7.7
810	325	Anglo Amer Ind	690	-10	39.5	6.6	6.2
100	40	Ang Swiss Hldgs	31	-1	4.7	15.3	2.8
192	82½	Anglo-Thai Corp	147	h-5	2.9	2.0	7.0
33	13	Anglovision	23	..	1.3	5.7	10.7
49	20	Applegarth	31	..	3.7	14.5	5.6
22	10½	Aquascutum 'A'	18	..	1.7	9.2	6.2
58	29	Arlington Mtr	46	..	10.0	16.1	5.9
104	27	Armitage Shanks	58½	..	4.1	12.1	10.9
47	27	Arnott Robin	42	..	2.2	5.2	7.7
80	33	Asprey 8½% Pf	63	..	6.3	16.4	..
80	22½	Ass Biscuit	67	-1	3.7	5.4	10.2
68	19½	Do A	57	-1	3.7	8.5	9.9
68½	21½	Ass Brit Food	68	..	2.4	3.8	10.9
58½	19½	Ass Engineer	58½	..	3.8a	9.6	7.0
80	24	Ass Fisheries	32	..	..	2.7	..
37½	9½	Ass Leisure	25¾	..	3.9	18.1	8.0
196	82	Ass News	95	+1	6.6	7.0	7.9
80	32	Ass Paper	44	..	4.0	9.1	10.0
180	61	Ass Port Cement	176	-6	11.0	6.2	14.8
32	12	Ass Tel 'A'	45	-2	6.0	13.0	7.1
32	26	Ass Tooling	28	..	2.9	10.5	4.3
112	62	Astbury & Sidley	71	..	1.3	6.3	4.4
28	12	Atkinson Steel	28	..	2.3	8.2	5.7
21	11	Attwood Garage	14	..	2.3	15.4	10.8
78	46	Audiotronic	48	..	5.0	12.5	9.5
17	13	Ault & Wiborg	14½	..	3.3b	13.6	5.6
17	7½	Aurora Hldgs	11¼	..	1.2b	10.7	4.0
91	51	Austin E.	61	..	4.8	7.9	6.9
32	12	Automotive Pd	26	-1	2.3	9.0	4.9
103	41½	Avery's	103	-1	6.7	6.5	10.4
38	28	Aven Rubber	31	..	..	..	2.3
20	12	Avon Ind	18½	..	3.9p	6.8	7.8
137	78	BBA Grp	128	..	9.8b	7.6	8.5
21	9	BET Ordinalon	17	..	10.3	8.7	7.8
35	13	BOC Int	19	-1	2.7b	7.6	7.9
125	46	BPB Ind	123	-2	9.6b	7.6	8.5
20	14	BPM Hldgs 'A'	20	..	3.7	18.5	4.5
21	15	BSG Int	21	+1	..	..	14.3
70	50	BSR Ltd	70	..	3.1	4.4	10.0
142	43	BTR Ltd	142	-2	10.9b	7.0	10.6
214	154	Babcock & W	212	+1	2.9	2.6	10.7
18	8	Bacal Const	18	..	..	..	2.0
37	17	Bagnall & Sons	27	+1	2.7	9.9	7.1
90	38	Baggeridge Brk	71	..	6.4	9.0	4.9
64½	29	Bailey C.H. Ord	54	..	3.3	6.1	12.7
76	61½	Baird W.	76	-1	11.6	15.3	5.4
150	76	Baker Perkins	41	-1	4.0	9.8	12.4
42	19	Bambergers	42	-2	3.7	8.7	5.7
37	27½	Barker & Dixon	34	..	..	..	14.3
1252	1252	Barlow Rand	2500	-25	116	8.8	4.6
51	22	Barr & Wallace	44	-1	4.2	9.6	40.0
42	11	Do A	42	-1	4.2	10.1	38.2
108	43	Barratt Devs	108	-1	9.0b	8.3	5.3
39	10	Barrow Hepbn	39	-1	4.48	11.4	4.9
80	16	Barton & Sons	80	..	4.5	5.6	8.7
89	19	Bassett G.	89	..	6.5	10.0	9.7
49½	17½	Bath & P'land	33	..	3.8	11.5	5.3
66	57	Baxter Fell	66	+1	8.1	12.3	2.3
31	17	Beales J.	31	..	3.1	13.4	7.2
31	31	Bealson Clark	36	..	5.8	16.0	7.3
31	31	Beaufort Grp	31	..	3.8	15.1	7.2
35	35	Beaverbrook	100	..	0.5e	0.5	..
12	12	Do A	36	..	0.5e	1.4	..
37	24	Beckman A.	36	-1	6.7	12.3	8.6
110	57	Beecham Grp	317	-6	7.9	2.5	12.3
102	52	Bejam Grp	102	..	4.3	4.2	10.0
32	12	Bemrose Corp	28	-1	3.8	9.6	5.0
16	10	Benn Bros	16	..	2.7	16.6	8.1
180	56	Bensons Int	180	..	6.2	3.4	7.9
190	57	Berisf'ds S. & W.	184	-6	3.1	1.7	8.7
38	15	Berisfords	38	..	2.0	10.5	4.8
32	16	Berk Hmsd Timps	42	..	2.3	5.4	4.4
180	65½	Bestobell	144	-2	11.2	7.7	6.9
80	31½	Bett Bros	86	..	4.1a	6.0	6.5
58	32	Bibby J	58	-3	7.7	13.2	5.5
58	18	Billam J.	45	..	4.5	10.1	5.8
106	22	Birmid Qualcst	85	..	5.1	6.3	5.8
90	17	Birm'gham Mint	42	..	5.5	13.1	..
126	80	Bishops Stores	126	..	3.0	2.4	13.5
33	33	Do A NV	33	..	3.0	3.2	6.1
58	25	Black & Edg'n	125	-1	8.0	6.4	8.4
14	9	Blackburn & C	14	..	2.2a	16.0	4.5
126	74	Blackwd Hodge	126	-2	4.9b	3.7	8.5
14½	11	Blackwood Mt	14½	..	..	..	..
98	58	Blagden & N	98	-6	8.4	8.6	4.0
35	26	Blundell Perm	35	..	3.4	9.7	5.3
18	5	Boardman K. O.	18	..	1.2	6.8	6.3
16	5½	Bodycote	11	..	1.0b	9.3	3.5
77	7	Bolton Textile	9½	..	1.8	19.3	3.1
50	15	Bonas Webb	24	-1	0.8	3.2	..
36	25	Bonser Eng	26	..	1.7	6.7	6.7
170	55	Booker McCon	160	-6	8.9	5.6	7.7
143	30	B'ley & Hawes	93	..	5.8	6.3	6.0
110	53	Boot H.	108	..	9.7	9.7	6.8
135	85	Boots	135	..	11.5	8.5	14.2
17	7	Boulton W.	14	..	1.5	10.9	6.8
174½	54	Bowater Corp	165	-4	10.9b	6.6	7.9
45	16	Bowthrpe Hldgs	30	-1	1.9	6.3	6.2
46	15	Braby Leslie	44	-1	4.4	9.9	3.8
48	19	Brady G.	46	..	8.0	16.4	3.4
28	20	Do A	28	-1	2.0	15.6	2.4
19	13	Braham Millar	19	..	2.3	10.6	4.7
13	10	Braid Grp	18½	..	1.7a	8.9	5.1
23	13	Braithwaite	23	..	2.5	12.6	3.1
85	37	Brammer H.	83	..	6.6	8.0	8.3
35	15	Brassway	43	..	2.2	7.6	10.0
62	22	Brazenor	42	..	3.1	12.1	7.6
80	22	Brent Chem Int	80	-2	2.3	2.9	10.5
58	21	Brent Walker	47	-1	1.4	3.1	15.5
38	12	Brickhouse Dud	22	-3	2.7	12.2	4.9
135	80	Bricom	135	+1	6.6	4.9	8.4
13	10	Briggs Amal	13	..	1.2	9.2	10.3
85	37	Brightways	44	..	2.2	5.0	11.3
39	15	Bright J. Grp	39	..	3.3	10.5	5.7
39	3½	Bristol Plant	..	..

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Further information about the University and advice regarding the method of application should be obtained from the Secretary-General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H OPF, or from the Registrar, Macquarie University, North Ryde, New South Wales 2113, Australia.

Applications close on 24 October, 1975.

University of Nottingham Medical School

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

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Other particulars and a form of application may be obtained from the Senior Assistant Registrar, Medical School Faculty Office, University Hospital & Medical School, Clifton Boulevard, Nottingham NG7 2UH, to whom completed applications should be returned by 20th October 1975.

University of Leicester

DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY

Applications are invited for the post of

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UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE

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University of Nottingham Medical School

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Applications are invited for a new post of Senior Lecturer in the Department of Therapeutics (Professor M. J. S. Langman). The successful candidate will be expected to take an active part in teaching and clinical work. A research interest in gastroenterology would be welcome, but should not be regarded as mandatory. An Honorary Consultant contract with the Nottinghamshire A.H.A.(T) will be sought for the successful candidate, and salary will be on the scale for N.H.S. consultants.

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...LES.—1.45-2.00 pm, Lion ... 5.15-5.40, Bam-Bw! ...5, Wales Today. Nationwide. ...7.25 Heddiw. 7.25 ...Wonderful World of Disney. ...SD.—6.00-6.55 pm, ... Scotland. Nationwide. ...Scottish News Summary. ...RN IRELAND.—6.00-6.55 ...e Around Six. Nationwide. ...30, Spotlight. 11.20, ...Ireland News Headlines.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University. Social Behaviour of Animals. 7.05, Lakes and Rivers. 7.30-7.55, Geochemistry. 10.35, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.00 pm, Open University. School and Society. 5.25, The Other Tradition. 5.50, We Parents Know Better. 6.15, Living in Warsaw. 6.40-7.05, Concepts of Man, 1830-1914.
7.30 Newsday.
7.45 Vera Lynn Show.
8.30 An Edwardian Childhood: Lord Kenneth Clark talks about his life.
9.00 Face the Music.
9.30 Daft as a Brush, by Adrian Mitchell, with Lynn Redgrave, Jonathan Pryce.
10.45 Electric Folk, with Steeleye Span.
11.20 News.
11.35-11.40 John Westbrook reads Rainbow in Exeter, by Christy Brown.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 1.30 pm, Technoflash. 2.00, Women Only. 2.20, Thames. 3.30, The Saint. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.15, News. 11.35, Epilogue.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Time to Remember: 1940.* 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 3.30, Edgar Wallace: Strangler's Web.* 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Babar. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Chicago Teddybears. 7.00, Thames. 10.30, Football. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-11.50, Wednesday Special.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.20, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Woody Woodpecker. 2.00, Thames. 3.30, Six Million Dollar Man. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Out of Town. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, Thames. 11.15-11.45, UTV Profile.

HTV

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Galloping Gourmet. 1.00, News. 1.20, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Anna and the King. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.30, ATV. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Smith and Friends. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.35, The Magician. 7.30, Thames. 11.15, Lord of the Islands. 11.45, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.25, Miri Mawr. 4.35-4.50, Miri Mwy. 6.01-6.18, Y Dydd. HTV WEST: As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.15-6.35, Report West.

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...Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward Headlines. 1.30, Shirley... ...rid. 2.00, Thames. 3.25, ...National Orchestra. 4.25, ... 5.20, The Lotus. 5.50, ...00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ... 11.15, Westward News. ...ion Story. 11.45, Faith for ...

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... Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia ...30, More Animals Objects. ...useparty. 2.30, Thames. ...ey. 4.25, Thames. 5.20. ...5.50, News. 6.00, About ...35, Thames. 11.15, Short ... 1.45, The Big Question.

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...ames. 1.20 pm, Calendar ...30, Technoflash. 2.00. ...3.30, Jason King. 4.25, ... 5.20, Calendar. 5.50, ...5.00, Calendar. 6.35, ... 11.15-11.45, Skiing with ...

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...ames. 1.20 pm, Grampian ...adlines. 1.30, Galloping ...2.00, Thames. 3.30, Tar... ...0, Thames. 5.20, Out of ...0, News. 6.00, Grampian ...35, Crossroads. 7.00, Top ...0, Thames. 10.30, Scot... ...00, Police News. 11.05, ...v Special. 11.50, Prayers.

Thames

12.00 am, Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 pm, Pipkins. 12.30, Mr and Mrs. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Inner Space. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, The Sights and sounds of the River Thames. 3.30, Marcus Welby, MD. 4.25, Sooty. 4.50, Shadows. 5.20, Out of Town.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Survival.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 Benny Hill Show.
9.00 Whicker's World: Vienna.
10.00 News.
10.30 Jack Parnell and the Band Show.
11.15 Film: Werewolf of London, with Henry Hull, Valerie Hobson, Warner Oland.*
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Border

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Border News. 1.30, Support Your Local Poet. 2.00, Thames. 5.20, Out of Town. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Thames. 11.15, The Protectors. 11.40, Border News Summary.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Show It Again. 2.00, Thames. 3.30, Riptide. 4.25, Michael Bentine. 4.50, Shadows. 5.20, ATV Today. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.15, Orson Welles Great Mysteries. 11.45, Dr Jane Gray.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Anna and the King. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.30, Jason King. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Betty Boop. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 11.15, Southern News. 11.25, Short Story. 11.55, Weather. Guideline.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Douglas Fairbanks Presents.* 2.00, Thames. 3.30, Boney. 4.25, Thames. 5.15, Take Kerr. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, Movin' On. 7.30, Thames. 11.15, Music for Guitar with Paco Pena. 11.45-12.15 am, Theatre Macabre.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Paul Burnett. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Anne Nightingale. 7.02, Lucky 13. 7.30, How the West Was Sung.† 8.02, Wally Whyton's Country Club.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Jean Challis.† 12.00, News. 12.31 am, News Summary.
† Stereo.

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6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan† (8.27, Racing bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.00-12.33 am, Radio 1.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Your Midweek Choice: Honegger, Poulenc, Saint-Saens, Pierne.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Your Midweek Choice, part 2: Arriaga, Schubert, Haydn.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Delius.† 9.45, Organ recital: Buxtehude, Sweelinck, Leighton.† 10.20, Dufay Secular Music.† 10.50, Violin Recital: Schubert, Paganini, Guy Ropartz.† 12.15 pm, Concert, part 1: Rossini, Schubert.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Concert, part 2: Tchaikovsky.† 1.50, Faure. 2.30, New Records: Berkeley, Holst, Elgar.† 3.35, Bromsgrove Festival, piano recital, part 1: Chopin.† 4.15, In Short: Devon Childington. 4.20, Recital, part 2: Liszt.† 5.00, Choral Evensong from Wells Cathedral. 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, A Week on Sound.
7.30, Concert: Haydn. 8.00, Scientifically Speaking: Richard Feynman. 8.45, Serge Koussevitzky. Boston Symphony Orchestra, part 1: Weber, Vaughan Williams.† 9.30, Reading. 9.35, Concert, part 2: Beethoven.† 10.35, The Arts Worldwide. 10.55, Bach Cantata, No. 102.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.50, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, Parents and Children. 10.00, News. 10.05, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Round Britain Quiz. 11.30, Play. Escape Me Not. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Forces' Chance. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play. Bananas. 4.00, News. 4.05, This is a Star—Marlene Dietrich. 4.35, Story Time. Double Snare. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? Storm in a Tea-chest. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, It's Your Line, 01-580 4411, with André Previn. 8.30, All the Queen's Men, part 5: My Dear Frog. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime. Thunder on Sunday. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.
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CARVER.—On 18th September, 1975 to Elizabeth and Robert Carver—a son (Neil Timothy Duncan), a brother for Ross, Helen and Kitt.

DILLON.—On September 17th, at Lewisham Hospital, to Mary and Dr John Dillon—a daughter.

DRING.—*On Sept. 21st, to Penelope and Roger Dring—a daughter.*

HAMMER.—On 9th September, at Bogota, Colombia, to Cristina and Henry—a son (Stephen Patrick).

HASTINGS.—On 17th September, to Christine and Michael—a son (Mark Warren Reece), a brother for Jocelyn.

HOBSON.—At Horton Maternity *Hospital, Banbury, on 19th September* to Penny (née Ivey) and Philip, of East End House, Hook Norton, Oxfordshire—a son, Edward Alexander John.

PEAL.—On September 20th, at King's College Hospital, London, to Jean and Roger—a son (Alexander Richard).

PERRY.—On 22 September, 1975, in Sydney, Australia, to Monica (née Wilkinson) and Michael—a daughter (Nicole Hannah), a sister for Michelle.

PUGH.—On 21st September, to Angie (née Riddell) and Owain—twin sons.

ROKISON.—On 23rd September, to Rosalind (née Mitchell), and Kenneth—a daughter Abigail Jo.

RYCROFT.—On 17th September, 1975, Nicole, wife of Dr. Henry David Rycroft—a son.

SHUTTLEWORTH.—On 23rd September, 1975, at The Westminster Hospital, S.W.1, to Kit (née Greenwood) and Hugh Shuttleworth—a son.

TYRWHITT-DRAKE.—On September 23rd, at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, to Georgina and William—a son.

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MARRIAGES

ANDREN : STEWART.—On Saturday, 6th September, 1975, at the collegiate church of St Salvator, St Andrews, David Andren of 7 Kensington Court Place, London, W.8., and Kathleen Margaret Stewart, of Glenelg, 4 Bingham Terrace, Dundee.

CRAIK-WHITE : WATSON.—On 20th September, in Clonmel, Ireland, Richard Craik-White to Sandra Watson.

HIRST : BRADBY.—On September 20th at Horsham Parish Church, John Gerard Hirst to Ann Frances Bradby.

DEATHS

AUFSEESSER. — On September 20th, at Langdon House, Cambridge, Paula Aufseesser (née Moshacher), in her 88th year, for 52 years the loving and much loved wife of the late Hugo Aufseesser (formerly of Munich), dearly loved mother of Kurt and Herta, fond grandmother of Jonathan, Ben and Michael, Mike and Ruth, great-grandmother. Funeral, City Cemetery, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, 12.30 p.m., Thursday, September 25th.

DEATHS

BAUM.—On 18th September, Hans E. Baum, died peacefully at his home in St. Mary Abbott's Court, Kensington. Funeral was strictly private.

BRABIN.—On September 22, 1975, suddenly at the Middlesex Hospital, the Honourable Sir Daniel James Brabin, M.C., beloved husband of Mary. Requiem Mass at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 27, at the Church of Our Lady, Lisson Grove, St. John's Wood, N.W.8. The burial will be private. May he rest in peace. Please, no flowers or letters.

CANT.—On 22nd September, suddenly, but peacefully, in hospital, Mildred, in her 84th year, of The Avenue, Kew, Surrey, formerly principal of the Maria Grey training college. Inquiries re funeral arrangements to T. H. Sanders and Sons, Ltd., 28 and 30 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey, 01-948 1551.

CLARK, HENRY ROWNTREE.—On 22nd September, 1975, peacefully in hospital, aged 66, beloved husband of Wendy and dear father of Paul, David and Jonathan. Requiem Mass at The Church of the Sacred Heart, Cobham, Surrey, on Friday, 26th September, at 3 p.m. Inquiries to James and Thomas Cobham Ltd.

COLLINS.—*On September 20th, at* 31a West Side Wimbledon Common, S.W.19, Cecilia (née Harris), aged 69 years, wife of Henry Edward Collins. Requiem Mass at the Church of The Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, on Wednesday, 24th September, at 11 a.m. No flowers, please.—R.I.P.

DAVIES.—On September 22, 1975, *peacefully in hospital* in London, Emily Constance Davies, formerly of Brynton, Llangybi, Cards., wife of the late T. L. Davies and dear mother of Monro. Funeral service at Llangybi Church on Saturday, September 27th, at 12 noon.

DELANEY.—On 23rd September, 1975, peacefully, at home, John Edward, aged 52 years. Only son of the late John and Annie Delaney, 1 Overwood Grove, Dumbarton. Fortified by Rites of the Holy Church. R.I.P. Remains being received into St. Patrick's Church, Dumbarton, today, Wednesday, at 8 p.m. Requiem Mass, tomorrow, Thursday, at 10 a.m. and funeral thereafter to Dumbarton Cemetery.

HEDLEY.—On 21st September, at Grange-over-Sands, Sarah Ethel *aged 87, widow of* Thomas Lawrence Hedley. Funeral *service* at the United Reformed Church, Grange-over-Sands, on Thursday 25th September, at 10 a.m., followed by private cremation. No mourning, and family flowers only, please.

HIBBERD.—On September 8, William Arthur James, tragically in an air crash, deeply regretted by all. Memorial service at Winchester Cathedral, 12.15 p.m., on Saturday, 27 September, 1975.

HILLEBRANDT.—On 21st September, 1975, Marguerite Dorothy Hillebrandt, beloved wife of the late Kenneth Henry Hillebrandt, and mother of Fred and Pat. Cremation private.

JACOBS.—On September 22nd, Doris Ellen, at the Marie Foster Home, after many years protracted illness. Close friends and loved ones will not only remember the difficulties which she had to surmount but will take pleasure in the spirit with which she coped with life and the happiness which she gave to so many. Cremation at West Herts Crematorium, Garston, nr. Watford, on Wednesday, October 1st, at 2 p.m. No flowers. Please send donations to the Marie Foster Home, Wood St., Barnet, Herts.

LUTYENS-HUMFREY.—On September 20, 1975, Lt.-Col. Enderby Gordon Lutyens-Humfrey, M.C., R.A., ret., husband of Kathleen and father of Graeme, Sara, Alvin and Charlotte. Funeral Service at St. Margarets Church, Ockley, on Tuesday, September 30, at 12.15 p.m. Family flowers only, please.

MORRICE.—On 22nd September, Kenneth Alec Stratford, O.B.E., after a short illness, darling husband of Ronnie and beloved father of Michael, Stephen and Nicholas. Cremation private. No flowers or letters, please. Details of memorial service later.

NICHOLLS.—At his home in Leeds, Harry Nicholls V.C., late Grenadier Guards, husband of Grace. Funeral 1.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 30th September, 1975, at the Southern *Cemetery*, Wilford Hill, Nottingham. Enquiries to the Funeral Director, W. Roberts, Ltd., 82 York Road, Leeds, (Tel. Leeds 458114). Floral tributes may be sent direct to the cemetery, in Wilford Hill, Nottingham, to arrive between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. on 30th September, please.

PENTECOST.—On September 22nd, 1975, peacefully, at his home, Wild Close, Wood Green, Fordingbridge, Frederick George, dearly loved husband of Phyl and dear father and grandfather. Funeral private. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

PERKINS.—On September 22nd, at Cardiff Royal Infirmary, after a short illness, Wing Commander *Philip Harry* Perkins, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.M., R.A.F., M.S. (retired), of Cliff House, Llancarfan, Barry, Glam., and formerly of Llantwit Major, beloved husband of Peggy and dear father of Francis, Janet, and Max, resting at Roath Court Funeral Home, Newport Road, Cardiff, until the funeral service at Llancarfan Parish Church, on Friday at 3 p.m. Afterwards at Thornhill *Crematorium*, Cardiff. Family flowers only, but donations, if wished to the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, 170 Cathedral Road, Cardiff.

ROPER.—On September 22nd, in hospital, Frank Arthur, B.A., M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Pendower, Watergate Bay, Newquay, Cornwall, formerly of Exeter, beloved husband of Dorothy, and dear father of Dennis and Pamela. Funeral service at Penmount Crematorium, Truro, on Friday, September 26th, at 2.30 p.m. No floral tributes or letters, please.

SAISE.—On September 20th, peacefully at home, Alfred John, A.R.I.B.A., of 9 Adelaide Road, Walton-on-Thames, founding member of the Bristol School of Architecture, co-founder of Danesfield Preparatory School. Funeral service Woking St. John's Crematorium, Friday, 3.30 p.m.

SALOMONS.—On 23rd September, 1975, at "Barnsley", 39 Castlehill Road, Ayr, Audrey, beloved wife of the late Brigadier Joseph Arthur Salomons, D.S.O., O.B.E., and widow of the late Gerald de O. B. Laurence. Funeral service at Masonhill Crematorium, Ayr, on Friday, 26th September, 1975, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only, please.

DEATHS

SCHOLEFIELD.—On 23rd September, 1975, peacefully at The Beeches, Field Green, Hawkhurst, Kent, Charles Bingley Scholefield, *in his 94th year. Last surviving* child of the late William Scholefield of Dewsbury, and Harrogate and beloved father of Pamela. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, on Thursday, 2nd October, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Letters to Mrs. Hutton-Harrop, The Old Forge, Vernham Dean, nr. Andover, Hants.

SELWOOD.—On September 8, Peter Richard, tragically in an air crash, deeply regretted by all. Memorial service at Winchester Cathedral, 12.15 p.m., on Saturday, 27 September, 1975.

SMITH.—On 19th September, 1975, suddenly, at Horsham, John Dobell Francis, elder son of Eric and Enid Smith, of Oxford. Aged 41.

STEAVENSON.—On 23rd September, 1975, William Herbert Steavenson, aged 81 years, of Gordon Cottage, South Marston, Swindon. Funeral Monday, 29th September. Service at South Marston Parish Church at 2 p.m. Followed by interment in the Churchyard. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to Swindon Samaritans, Mr. J. Stansfield, 5 Downs View Rd., Swindon, Wilts. *Inquiries: Co-operative Funeral* Service, Swindon 5885.

SYMONS.—On 23rd September, 1975, Dom Thomas, Monk of Worth, Titular Abbot of Glastonbury, aged 88. Requiem Mass and burial at Worth Abbey, Friday, 26th September, at 2.30 p.m.—R.I.P.

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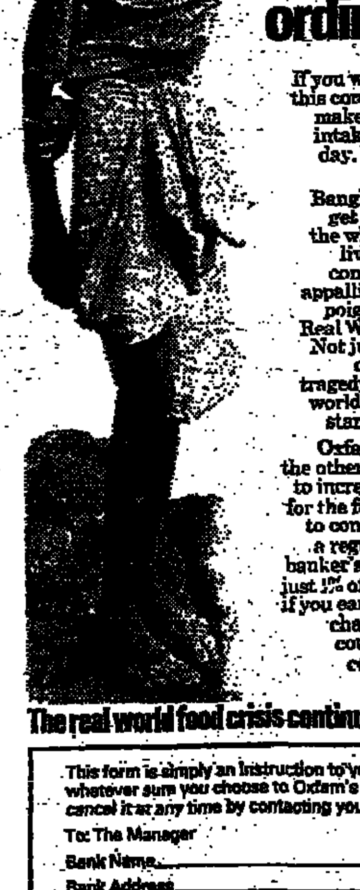
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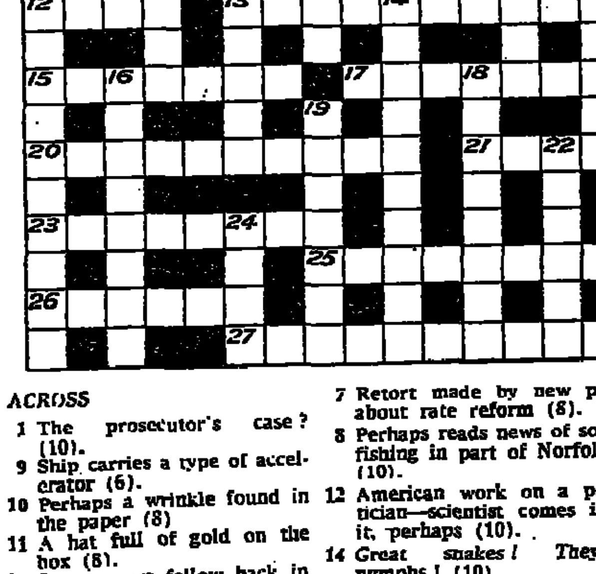
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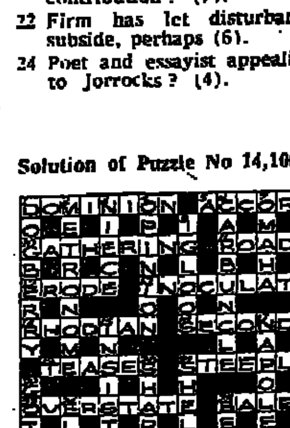
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1 The prosecutor's case? (10).
9 Ship carries a type of accelerator (6).
10 Perhaps a wrinkle found in the paper (8)
11 A hat full of gold on the box (8).
12 Some smart fellow back in the side (4).
13 Science is last of three found in error (10).
15 Goblin appears to admit dividing cheese (7).
17 *Charms* fifty US team members (7).
20 Cut down the grass round the ditch (10).
21 Cricket ceremony raises a bit of cash? (4).
23 Go and get stuffed, Smith Minor! Where? (4-4).
25 Leaves brewer's *entertainment?* (3-5).
26 Debate concerning a family issue (6).
27 Revolvers found at football ground? (10).

DOWN
2 Make a break for the island (6).
3 Less than two members in current exhibition (8).
4 Estrangement made Elia vexed with people (10).
5 One has *plaice cooked*—where's the wine? (3-4).
6 A dash of the Spanish, if French in form (4).
7 Retort made by new peer about rate reform (8).
8 Perhaps reads news of some fishing in part of Norfolk? (10).
12 American work on a politician—scientist comes into it, perhaps (10).
14 *Great snakes! They're* nymphs! (10).
16 Would he have poor-looking customers? (8).
18 Learned people settled one—content was in Latin (8).
19 Cathedral assembly's novel *contribution?* (7).
22 Firm has let disturbance subside, perhaps (6).
24 Poet and essayist appealing to Jorrocks? (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,106



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